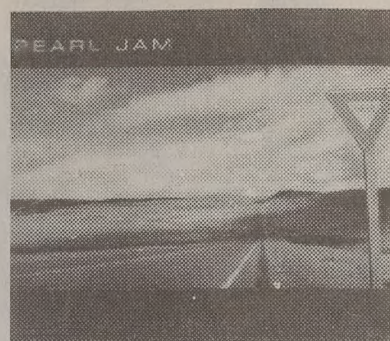


'Yield'

A reviewer says Pearl Jam's latest release, "Yield," has a great cover but it stops there.

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Big win

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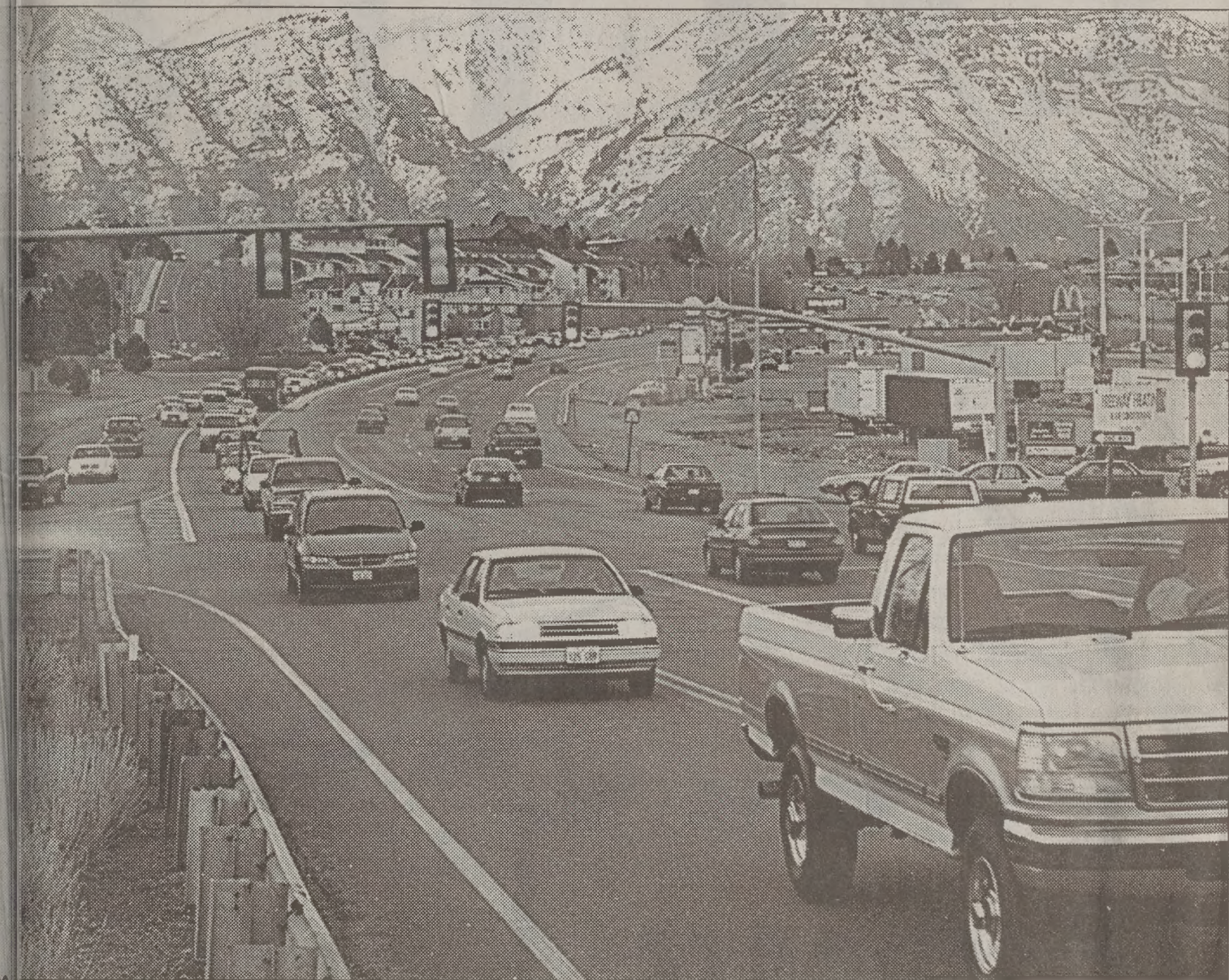
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University Parkway to be expanded



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By KATHRYN PETERSON
Universe Staff Writer

The Utah Department of Transportation has plans for a new \$10 million University Parkway interchange.

The new interchange will increase the capacity of the parkway across Interstate 15 down to Geneva Road.

Dan Knowlden, project design engineer for Utah Department of Transportation's Region 3, said the northbound and southbound ramps have exceeded the number of vehicles they were initially designed for.

"The interchange needs to be larger so that it can enable a smoother flow for an increased number of cars," Knowlden said.

Age and size are also factors in the decision to redo the structure.

The interchange was built in the early '60s and has been showing signs of wear and tear, Knowlden said. Most structures like the University Parkway are designed to last 50 years.

Although the interchange could last another 20 years, engineers are concerned with the amount of congestion that occurs on the ramps.

Traffic backs up all the way to Orem because the interchange lanes are too narrow, Knowlden said.

An eight-lane structure over Interstate 15 and shorter ramps will enable traffic to get off the structure

and get through the lights without stopping, he said.

"The ramps will be closer to the signals with what we call a compressed diamond interchange. This improved signalization will make it easier for traffic to flow smoothly," Knowlden said.

All the ramps will have at least two lanes for traffic, he said.

Alan Mecham, Region 3 director, said the new project will ultimately do two things: reduce the delay time on signals and decrease traffic congestion.

Because the northbound onramp will be increased to two lanes, traffic will no longer have to endure long delays that back up traffic, Mecham said.

The southbound offramp, which is the offramp to BYU, will be widened to accept three lanes of left-turning vehicles. The widened lanes will increase access to popular events like BYU football games.

Mecham said his biggest concern during construction will be traffic control.

The project will be available for bid by October 1998, Mecham said. Construction will begin in mid-1999 and should be completed in a year and a half.

"In any case, it will be in place for the 2002 Olympics," Mecham said.

Siberian workers on hunger strike for back pay

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Siberian coal workers owed more than a year of back wages went without food for a second day Wednesday, using a hunger strike to press their bosses to pay up, a news agency reported.

Strikers from the Severokuzbasugol company told the Interfax news agency that they last received wages in October 1996.

A reported 106 had joined the hunger strike, which began Tuesday in Anzhero-Sudzhensk, a town in the Kemerovo region of central Siberia.

The Russian government said it has paid out money to cover wages owed to all state workers.

They blame local officials for failing to deliver all the funds as promised.

The strikers acknowledged receiving some funds before the end of last year, but said the token payments were far from the amount owed, and they've received nothing more, Interfax said.

In a similar protest, 25 women in southern Russia began a hunger strike Tuesday to demand overdue welfare subsidies.

About 11 of the women spent the night in the government administration building in Bykovo, a city in the southern Volgograd region, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

The hunger strikers were supported by scores of other protesters, who demonstrated outside the building and provided officials with a list of 2,500 women they said had failed to receive government child support subsidies.

In the central Russian city of Volzhsky, workers from all of the city's 25 housing-maintenance services walked off the job Wednesday to demand \$1.6 million in back wages unpaid since last July, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

Baptist serves 30-year mission

By ANNETTE JEFFRESS
Universe Staff Writer

A 30-year-old John Quinlin is serving a mission in the Philippines for 20 years and plans to continue serving.

Quinlin, a Baptist missionary, said he has been serving as a lifetime missionary.

"I want to spend our lives in the field," he said. "I was called to go," he said. "I said his religion believes in personal revelation where and when to serve a

"It doesn't matter where mission-aries go because they go to the Lord leads them,"

Quinlin said. "I worked in a church as an assistant pastor where I had some opportunities to preach sermons and conduct some missionary activities before I went to the Philippines," he said.

As a missionary, he has traveled around the United States every fifth year to ask for contributions to fund his mission. The usual cycle for a Baptist missionary is four years in the field and one year in the United States raising funds for the mission program.

"Even though other churches don't do this, I like it because congregations can see the missionaries and see the progress in other countries," Quinlin said.

Pastor Rick Roberson, pastor of the Independent Baptist church where Quinlin spoke, said his congregation contributes \$356 a month to the missions.

"We think it's a church's responsibility to carry the gospel to countries who don't have it," Roberson said.

Language training is done in the country of the mission, Quinlin said. Quinlin said the usual language-training schedule is studying the language in a classroom four to five hours a day, then spending another four or five hours talking with the native people.

In the Philippines, however, many people like to practice their English, making it hard to learn the language, Quinlin said.

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Car thief falls for dummy

By NICOLE LARSON
Senior Reporter

A 16-year-old Lindon juvenile was caught Wednesday on video breaking into a car stealing a stereo system and purse.

What he didn't know, and what ultimately spoiled his clean get-away, was that the car and its merchandise were planted by the Utah County Sheriff's Department. He also failed to notice the hidden camera in the back of the car and transmitting locators attached to every item in the car.

The break-in occurred early Wednesday morning at the commuter parking lot west of the I-15 American Fork exit. The suspect got away with a woman's purse, three stereo speakers, a stereo amplifier and some change.

Using the video, officials were able to identify the suspect. With the transmitters attached to the property, Utah County, Lindon and Pleasant Grove officials apprehended the suspect and

the merchandise Wednesday afternoon at his Lindon home.

County officials approached the house with a search warrant but knew the stolen items were in the residence because of strong signals being picked up by the transmitter.

Detective Larry Patterson said the transmitting device is extremely accurate and precise.

"All I had to do was drive down I-15 near American Fork, and the transmitter would pick up a reading," he said.

The juvenile was arrested and charged with two class A misdemeanors.

The Utah County Special Crime Task Force has been using this transmitting system for 15 years. Patterson said since implementing the program, they've caught between 52 and 86 thieves every year.

But they don't limit the transmitters to auto theft, he said. They've also used it to locate a shoe thief.

The video cameras, about the size of

screw head, have aided the transmitters only for a year. Utah County has four undercover vehicles used solely for catching thieves involved in this type of activity.

Utah County isn't the only county using this method of apprehension. County officials work with other counties to track the signals because the merchandise is often taken outside county borders.

Deputy Sheriff JoAnn Murphy said this kind of crime can easily be prevented and even caught without transmitting devices. She said the key is greater community involvement.

According to Murphy, criminals account for only 3 percent of the population, and crime in Utah County is increasing. Therefore, she said, criminals are working overtime and becoming more confident because Utah County is an easy target.

Calling Utah County a "naive society," Murphy said most people don't realize the amount of crime within Utah County's borders.

Russia against using force on Iraq

Associated Press

MOSCOW — In a blunt warning to President Clinton, Boris Yeltsin declared Wednesday that America might provoke global warfare if it follows through on threatened attacks on Iraq.

"One must be careful in a world that is saturated with all kinds of weapons, some of them in the hands of terrorists," Yeltsin said in the Kremlin. "By his actions, Clinton might run into a world war."

A few hours later, presidential spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky assailed foreign media, claiming some of them interpreted Yeltsin's warning as a threat by Moscow to retaliate for an attack on Iraq.

"One can hardly imagine a more ridiculous and absurd interpretation," Yastrzhembsky told reporters.

Aside from Yeltsin's reference to terrorists, neither the president nor his spokesman offered any explanation for how conflict with Iraq might escalate into a global war.

The Russian leader has a long record of making vague statements that spark controversy and are later disavowed by his aides. While making the televised remarks, Yeltsin looked grim and appeared to be speaking off the cuff.

The United States and Russia have repeatedly disagreed about the possible use of force to make Iraq comply with U.N. weapons inspections. But both Washington and Moscow gener-

ally try to avoid direct criticism of each other.

Russia is strongly opposed to the threatened U.S. attack on Iraq, although Yeltsin's comments were surprising in their frankness.

In Washington, National Security Council spokesman P.J. Crowley said, "If Saddam Hussein complies with U.N. resolutions, there will be no need for military force."

"If military force becomes necessary, it will be geared toward our goals in the region, which is to thwart his ability to develop weapons of mass destruction and limit his ability to threaten his neighbors as he's done in the past," Crowley said.

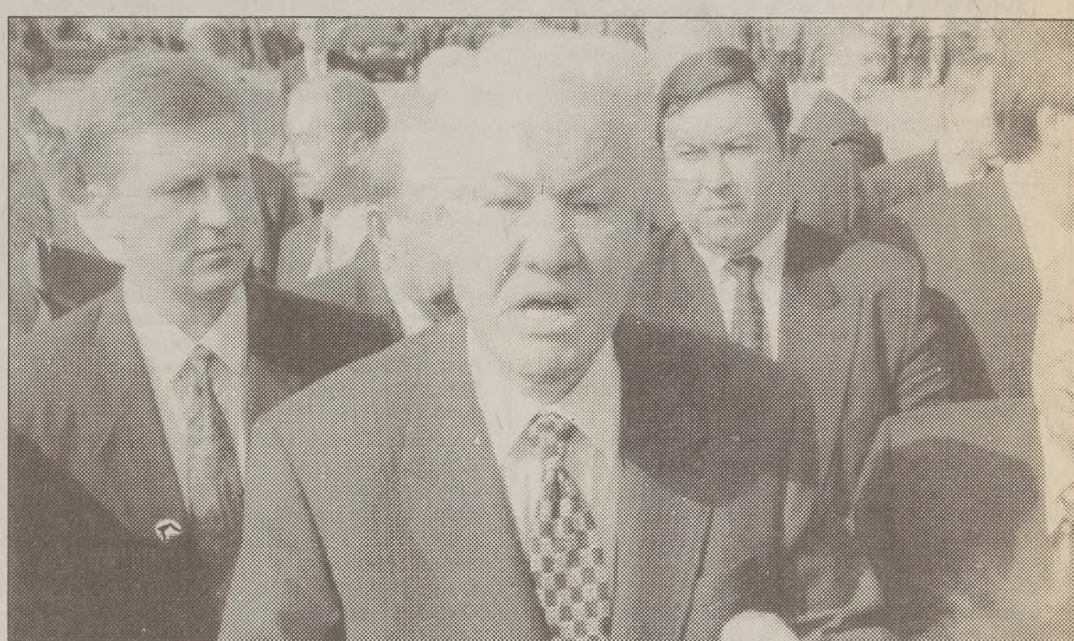
Yeltsin said the latest American moves were "quite unlike Clinton" and stressed that Russia has done its utmost to avert a military clash.

"One must be accurate in a world that is saturated with all kinds of weapons," Yeltsin said in the Kremlin. "One should not (say) immediately that we shower (Iraq) with airplanes and bombs."

Russia's position is supported by other nations, Yeltsin said.

"We are letting Clinton understand that we disagree with such policies. And the U.N. Security Council members would vote against" the use of force, he said.

Yeltsin spoke by telephone Wednesday with French President Jacques Chirac and British Prime



AP photo

Boris Yeltsin speaks to media in Manezh Square in September 1997. Yeltsin said Wednesday that Russia is opposed to using military force to make Iraq comply with U.N. inspectors. The United States and Russia have repeatedly disagreed about the issue.

Minister Tony Blair. Yeltsin's office said Blair expressed support for Russia's diplomatic efforts.

Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov discussed the crisis with U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright by phone, and the two were expected to speak to each other again this evening, Russian officials said.

The Kremlin declared Monday that its diplomats had reached a compromise with Iraq under which Baghdad would permit inspection of eight disputed presidential sites. Iraq denied the claim hours later.

Russian officials insisted Tuesday that their announcement was accurate, suggesting Iraq's denial could have been motivated by domestic policy concerns.

The latest crisis over Iraq began

when the Iraqi leader refused to allow U.N. weapons inspectors to check some 60 sites, including about 40 presidential palaces, on grounds of national sovereignty.

The inspectors must certify that Iraq has eliminated all its weapons of mass destruction before the United Nations will consider lifting punishing economic sanctions imposed on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of neighboring Kuwait.

The United States and Britain have moved large military forces to the Persian Gulf region.

Russia has long political and economic ties to Iraq and successfully served as an intermediary last November in a similar standoff between Saddam and the United Nations.

News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Bill Gates gets a pie in the face

BRUSSELS, Belgium — A pie-thrower smacked Bill Gates full in the face with a cream pie Wednesday, leaving the world's richest man with pastry dripping off his glasses and onto his suit.

Police arrested two people, one of whom reportedly had distracted Gates while the other made his attack.

The pie caught the Microsoft chairman head-on as he entered an ornate hall near the center of Brussels for meetings with Belgian computer industry and government leaders.

Associates hustled Gates into a side room. He emerged looking cleaner, but still grim.

"We regret the incident (but) will not press charges," said a spokesman for the Belgian office of Microsoft, the world's biggest software maker.

Police did not immediately identify the two people detained. They said they were looking for a third.

There were unconfirmed reports the pie was thrown by Noel Godin, a Belgian prankster who has struck at famous people before. His targets have included philosopher Bernard-Henri Levy and filmmaker Jean-Luc Godard.

Settlement reached in JFK lawsuit

BALTIMORE — A retired Secret Service agent has been paid an undisclosed settlement in a lawsuit against publishers of a book that accused him of accidentally shooting and killing President John F. Kennedy.

The book, "Mortal Error: The Shot That Killed JFK," published in 1992, claimed that George Hickey Jr. fired the shot that killed Kennedy Nov. 22, 1963.

Author Bonar Menninger wrote that Hickey, a 40-year-old Secret Service agent assigned to Kennedy's Dallas motorcade, grabbed an AR-15 assault rifle after Lee Harvey Oswald fired at Kennedy and that Hickey's rifle discharged when the car he was riding in, behind Kennedy, abruptly changed speed.

Menninger agrees with the Warren Commission's finding that Oswald's shots struck the president, but he claims Hickey fired the shot that killed Kennedy.

Mark S. Zaid, Hickey's attorney in Washington, called the book's claims "ridiculous."

David N. Kaye, chief attorney for St. Martin's, said the book "never said Mr. Hickey did anything wrong" and instead portrayed his role in "a tragic accident." The decision to settle the case was made because "lawyers are expensive, and we have no quarrel with Mr. Hickey."

John Sargent, chief executive officer of St. Martin's Press, recently sent a letter to Hickey saying the book "was in no way meant as a criticism of you. We know of no information that denigrates your dedication to the Secret Service, President John F. Kennedy or this country."

Kevorkian assists in another suicide

PONTIAC, Mich. — Dr. Jack Kevorkian and an associate who has helped him with assisted suicides delivered the body of a 52-year-old Massachusetts man to a hospital early Wednesday, authorities say.

Kevorkian's attorney, Michael Schwartz, identified the man as Jeremy Allen, of Cambridge, Mass.

Allen was terminally ill with "horrible pain" from cancer of the kidney that had spread to his spine, Schwartz said. He had traveled to Michigan because Massachusetts does not permit doctor-assisted suicide, according to the lawyer.

Kevorkian, 69, has refused to disclose the number of suicides he has attended. At a Dec. 31 news conference, he put the number at between 80 and 100. Since then, he has been connected to three more deaths.

Correction

A quote in the LDS community work article in Wednesday's paper should have been attributed to Dallin Anderson, BYUSA president. The *Daily Universe* regrets the error.

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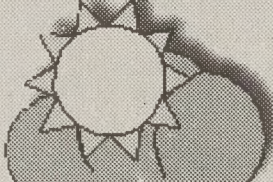
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Scripture of the Day

"... I will show unto them their weakness. I give unto men weakness that they may be humble; and my grace is sufficient for all men that humble themselves before me; for if they humble themselves before me, and have faith in me, then will I make weak things become strong unto them."

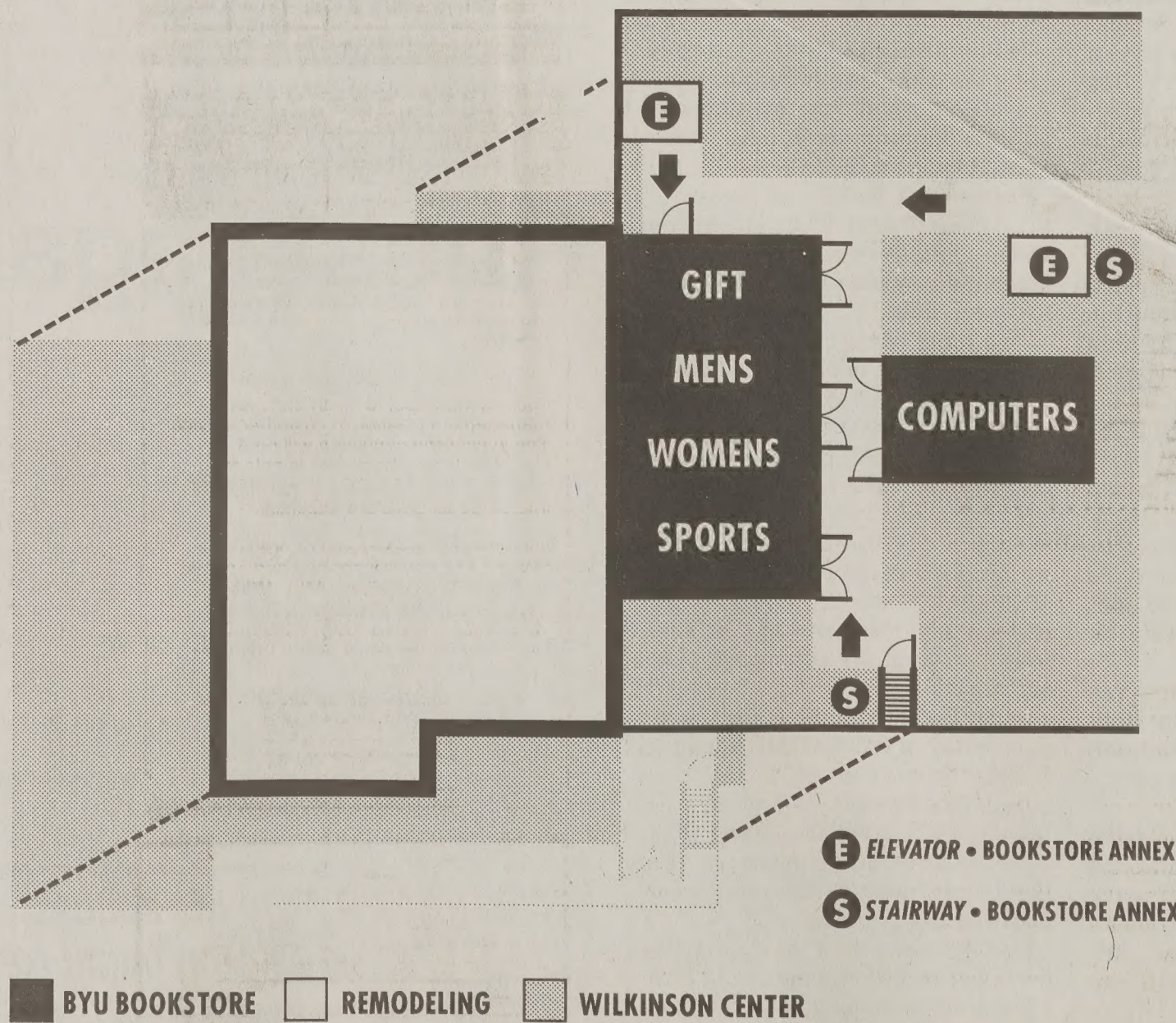
— Ether 12:27

Benjamin Slaugh likes this scripture because "it comforts me to know why God created me with weaknesses. I also use the formula it gives for overcoming my weaknesses." Slaugh, 21, is a sophomore from Sunnyvale, Calif., majoring in political science.

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Residents should lock doors

Real numbers
down theft

by MARK MORRIS
Universe Staff Writer

shops in Provo "bend over backwards" to help residents and to recover stolen property, but some remains unclaimed.

There are more than 300 unclaimed items at the Provo Police station that have been recovered by the police, according to Detective Bud Walker of the Provo Police Department.

People have a bike stolen and they have a serial number, they come monthly and check the bike rack," Walker said.

Walker said if possessions are stolen, the police have a good chance of recovering the item because pawn shops are required to enter the serial numbers into a database.

Walker said every week a secretary goes through the computer system to find serial numbers.

Pawn shops in Provo are also required to check photo identification, fingerprints and get the signature of all customers that pawn their possessions, Walker said.

Walker said pawn shops in Provo are "really good."

People bend over backwards to help people get their stuff back," he said.

Sometimes a pawn shop will lose an item by giving someone their money back. Technically, the pawn shop owns the item by law until they receive orders restitution to the owner.

Robertson, manager of L and P Pawn in Provo, said about one out of 100,000 items in a pawn shop is lost or old to be stolen.

Robertson said three years one time without a call from the police," he said.

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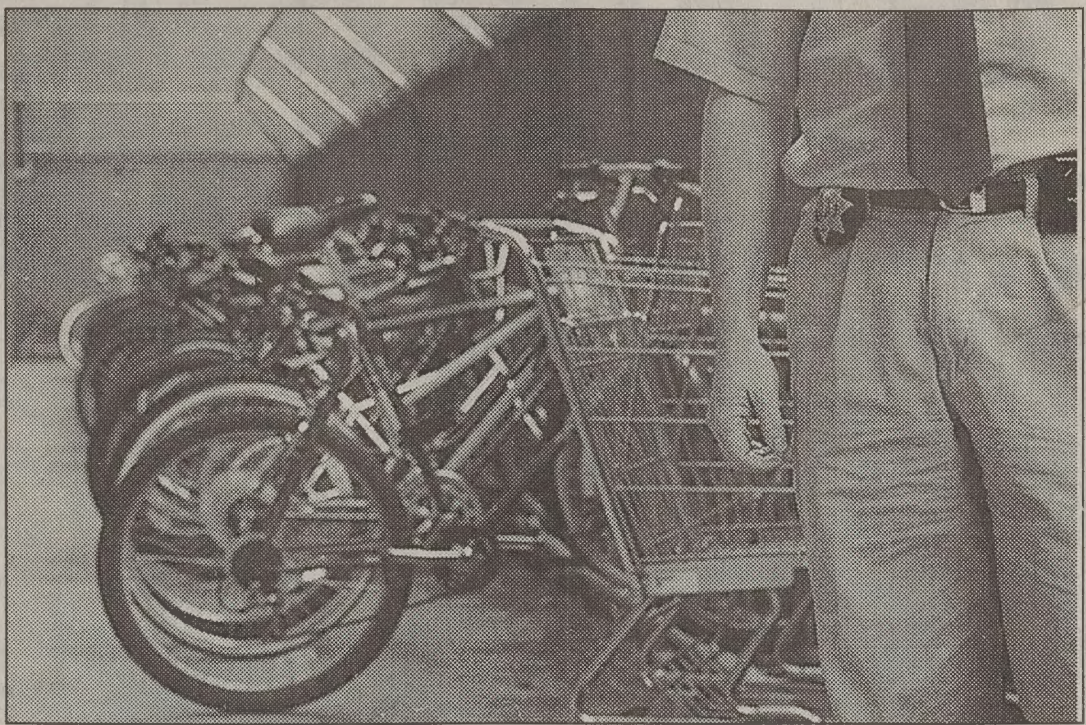


Photo courtesy of Jessica Gleason

Provo City Detective Bud Walker stands in front of three months' worth of stolen bikes found in the Provo area.

No-force entry form of burglary among friends

by MARK MORRIS
Universe Staff Writer

There were 167 no-force-entry burglaries in Provo for 1997, according to Trudy Rutledge, crime analyst for the Provo Police Department.

No-force-entry burglary is a burglary in which the thief does not break in.

Detective Bud Walker of the Provo Police Department said the Provo police are unable to help victims if they do not do their part by marking their possessions.

It is usually an acquaintance — not a friend, but a friend of a friend — that commits a burglary, Walker said.

Walker said if you have the serial number of something that is stolen, it can be traced.

Craig Sanders, a freshman from Clovis, Calif., majoring in social science, had his silver chrome GT Avalanche LE bike stolen from his apartment in Raintree Apartments Jan. 26.

"We went to family home evening, and when we got back around 9:30, the bike was gone," he said.

Sanders said one of his roommates was in the shower at the time of the burglary but did not see or hear anything.

The door to the apartment was unlocked, Sanders said, but he did not think anything would happen.

He said of the three bikes in the apartment, the burglar took the bike that was the most expensive — it cost more than \$1,100.

Sarah Poyfair, a sophomore from Vancouver, Wash., majoring in

English teaching, had \$25 stolen out of her purse in her apartment at Raintree Jan. 26. She said she was in her room sleeping at the time of the burglary.

Poyfair said they think the crime happened between 5:20 and 7:30 a.m. Poyfair's roommate went to work at 5:20 a.m., and there was no sign of a burglary when she left. When Poyfair woke up at 7:30 a.m., the purses in the apartment were in the middle of the hallway with a jewelry box. Poyfair grabbed her purse and continued dressing for school.

Poyfair said she didn't think anything was wrong until one of her roommates asked if she had put her jewelry box in the hall. Then it occurred to her that they had been robbed.

All the purses were in the girls' rooms before the burglary, and the jewelry box was on a shelf above one roommate's head.

"The only thing that scares me was that they were in our rooms while we were sleeping," Poyfair said.

None of the girls were disturbed during the burglary.

Poyfair said the door was locked, but the sliding glass window was left open because it was hot the night before.

Poyfair's roommate said this had happened before at Raintree, but when the management was informed, they brushed it off.

Jennifer Granum, manager of Raintree Apartments, said burglary is not a recurring problem at Raintree.

"As soon as we find out about an incident, we try to investigate," she said.

Raintree has night watch and tries to inform students about the potential crime in Provo, Granum said.

Granum said most burglaries occur because doors are left unlocked.

Search engine won't be sold

Universe Services

WordCruncher Publishing Technologies of Alpine declined a multi-million dollar bid for their company at a high-tech auction Monday in San Jose, Calif.

"The compensation package they put together was not structured in our own best interest," said Jamey Johnston, vice president of WordCruncher. "We don't want to sell the company right now."

"The technology auction was aimed at general Internet searching companies, but the companies that responded were more interested in intranet applications," Johnston said. Johnston said the technology for WordCruncher was part of a project at BYU for 11 years, until it was taken off-campus in May 1997 to form the company that exists today.

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Mayor Billings wastes no time, institutes citizen-input programs

By AMY FOX
Universe Staff Writer

Mayor Lewis Billings has been under the leadership of Mayor Lewis Billings since January, though only in power for a few days. Mayor Billings has already created several programs to help him keep in touch with the constituents.

Mayor Billings has a very clear vision of what he wanted to do, and he's been able to do a lot of things already. He's already created the mechanism for the citizens' input program.

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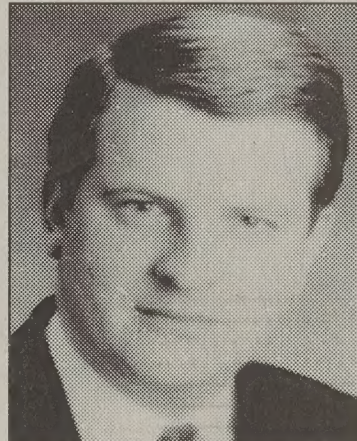
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MAYOR LEWIS K. BILLINGS

supporters to take off their Karl Thalman shirts and put on their Provo City shirts," Billings said.

These committees will turn in their ideas and recommendations to the mayor in March.

"He's taken a lot of citizen input," said Ted Dowling, Provo City Council executive director.

Billings has also created a new system for citizen input called "Mayor's Night In" and "Mayor's Night Out."

The mayor will have these forums on a monthly basis. One of the unique things about this new program is each of the department heads will also be available for questions, Hatch said.

Previous mayors have had a "Day with the Mayor" where residents could make appointments to come in and share their concerns.

"He's gone way out of his way to get input from his constituents," said Greg Hudnall, council chairman. "He just stepped right in. I think it was very effective that he had been a CAO to the mayor."

Billings has also spent his first month in office without a full staff.

"By himself he's trying to run things that two or three people usually run," Hatch said.

Members of the staff have been hired and will be starting Feb. 12.

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Decline in trust

Inscribed on a mantle in the State Dining Room of the White House are the words of President John Adams from almost 200 years ago: "May none but honest and wise men ever rule under this roof." Perhaps President Adams had a small glimpse of what was going to happen to our country over the next 200 years and wanted to give the American people some inkling of idealistic hope. Then again, perhaps he had no idea of the fate that would befall the oval office and truly believed the position of president of the United States would remain unscarred.

It is certain, however, that President Adams would be more than disheartened were he to see the lack of respect and the non-existent moral expectations the American people currently hold for their commander-in-chief. Nowhere is this better illustrated than in the nation's recent reaction to the alleged scandal involving President Clinton and former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. No one is saying Clinton is guilty until proven innocent, but public response to this questionable behavior is astounding and disturbing to say the least.

This time last week, Clinton's presidency appeared to be in danger, but he has since rebounded in dramatic fashion, and he now enjoys record approval ratings of over 70 percent in some polls. A recent CBS News poll following Clinton's denial of allegations against him showed that only 39 percent of Americans believe him. A CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll conducted on Saturday and Sunday found that 61 percent believed in a Clinton-Lewinsky affair, and 47 percent said he had tried to obstruct justice. In a poll conducted by the Chicago Tribune this week, Clinton's approval rating had soared to 72 percent.

People don't approve of what seems to have been going on in the White House, but they also seem reluctant to fire the president based on his job performance. Do self-protective lies about the most embarrassing aspects of his private affairs, even lies under oath justify his removal, given the performance of his administration in other aspects? Inside the Beltway and to this body the obvious answer is yes. But in the rest of the country, the answer seems to be somewhere between "not quite" and "I wish this whole thing would go away."

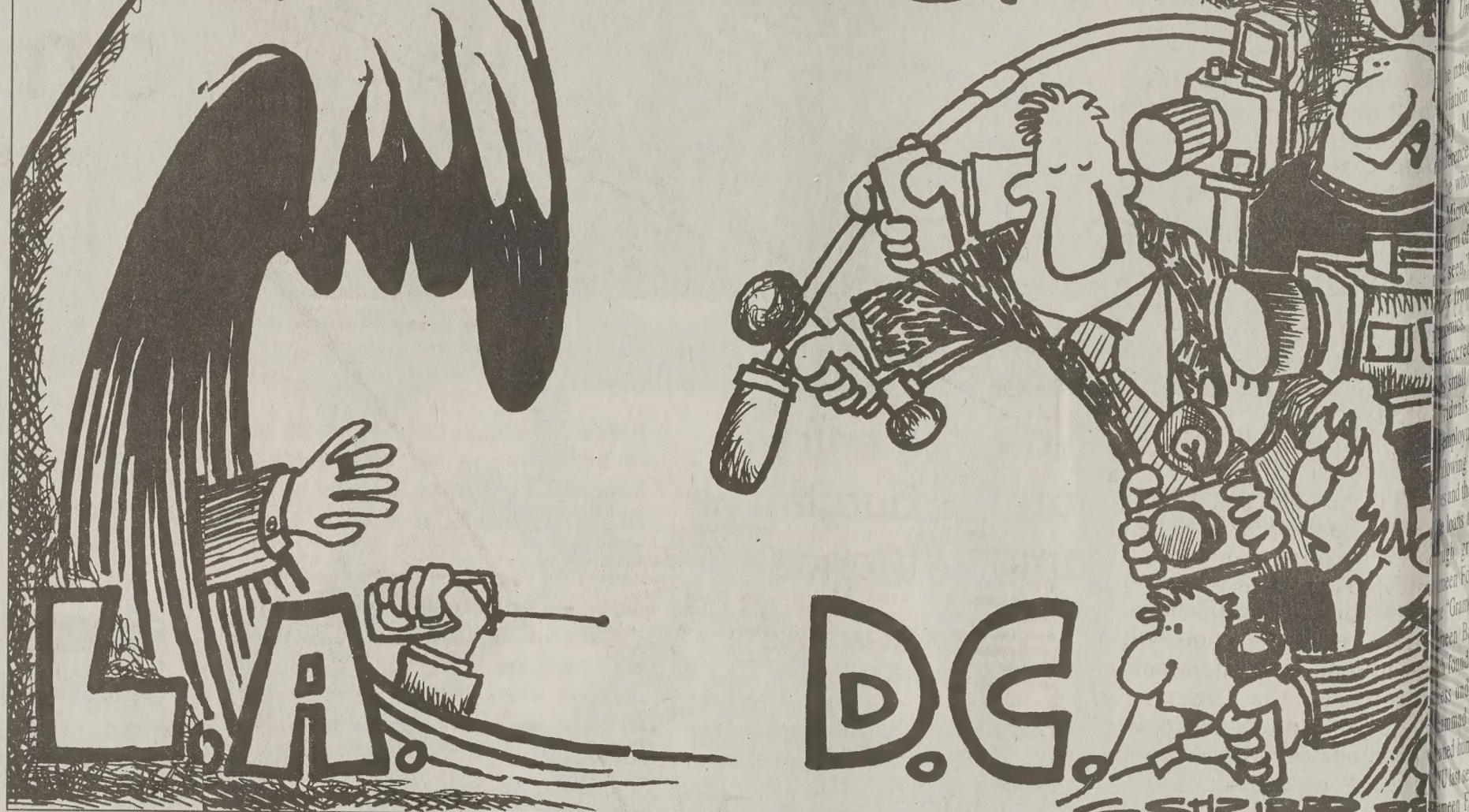
For this president, it is not a new problem. Historians may well decide that the chief lesson of the Clinton presidency may be that a political leader need not be a moral leader. This is surely a distasteful proposition. Policies denote principles. In some circumstances it may be sufficient to think of the president of the United States as the chief executive officer of the United States, but certainly not when he is ordering American forces into battle. If American bombs again fall on Baghdad, for example, they will destroy people as well as buildings. The commander-in-chief requires moral authority. If we support a leader who is deceiving his own family, how can we as a nation ensure his truthfulness with us? The nations of the world and their leaders are expecting it; so should we. What is truly upsetting is the fact that media coverage is making the public angrier about the messenger than the message. The American people feel distaste in what they are being told, yet refuse to acknowledge the source of their discomfort. It is not the media.

The Daily Universe urges citizens to maintain high expectations of conduct in our nation's leaders, particularly the president. Let us return to the respect that is so deserving of that office that was once present in our nation and demand that our leaders be moral and truthful. As he is being considered for a Nobel Peace Prize, let us so consider the lack of peace that is present in the very souls of our nation as we accept, and so embrace, another questionable act.

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Readers' Forum

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Cautioning, not condemning

Terica Biernan
Belle Cille, Ill.
Juliet Funk
Bountiful

Being one who has not kept up with the Readers' Forum regularly because of indifference to the pleas and opinions of everyone, it shocks even myself that I am writing an article. While searching for a job with the help of the Daily Universe, I have noticed the many letters concerning the "Titanic" reviews.

I am writing to defend the letter titled "Irresponsible Review." I agree that the movie review for "Titanic" was irresponsible to us as students of a university who sign an Honor Code.

The letter stated that "Titanic" was an impressive movie, and that it was. The sole purpose of the letter was to warn the students of BYU that the movie contained material, not mentioned in the previous review, that could be offensive.

I appreciate the writers' commitment to respect the honor of those striving to obtain it. Perhaps the words "steer clear" were harsh. However, I felt that the writers' purpose in using them was to warn those who wish to screen their movie selection before they find themselves in a sticky situation.

Besides, how are people to use their agency if they are not informed by someone who has already seen the movie. And who better than a reviewer who lives by our same standards?

A later letter commented that the writer was placing himself on a pedestal for not condoning the movie. Wrong! Cautioning the viewers is not putting yourself above others.

'Irresponsible' courageous

Jennifer A. Turpin
South Jordan

I was surprised to see two statements in the Readers' Forum by readers upset with last week's "Irresponsible review" (a letter that argued that "Titanic" shouldn't have received such a positive review in The Daily Universe).

If "everyone's opinion should be respected" then why are the statements in "Irresponsible Review" being criticized? It took guts to stand against popular opinion in saying "Hey! I didn't appreciate the violence and immorality."

Can anyone refute the fact that there was a several-minute-long nude scene, sex scene and many graphic displays of death? Are we pretending we didn't see the immorality? Are we seeking to justify it because many parts were historically accurate?

Is it O.K. because it showed "man conquering nature, the nature of man, and the beauty and importance of love?" I thought real love came because "man bridled his passions." Christ said "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

What is love without God? Yes, everyone has his or her free agency. People can and will do things despite the prophetic warnings. I appreciate the willingness of the few to be bold and stand up against violence and immorality in popular films, the media and everywhere.

Representing standards

Matt Barclay
Toronto, Canada

There were two letters in Tuesday's Readers' Forum concerning the movie "Titanic." The authors of these letters voiced their support of the show and noted their displeasure with a previous letter they were responding to. I should say up front that I have not seen the movie "Titanic." I do know what the show contains.

One of the letters mentioned agency. It stated that some of our student body was probably offended after watching "Titanic," but that "everyone has agency to choose what is right and what is wrong."

With complete respect for the student who wrote this, I would like to take a different

approach to the idea of agency. What is right and what is wrong has already been explained and remains unchanged, based on the nature of the thing (or the scene, the thought, the words, the deed). Agency never has been an acceptable excuse for behavior.

One of the letters also supported the idea that we look for the good the movie has to offer instead of attack it for its negative content. Why feast on some beauty when you have to swallow a few bites of something that will leave your stomach turning? The content was not just negative, it was pornographic. All counsel I know of advises avoiding such material like the plague.

Furthermore, one letter stated that the "Daily Universe doesn't represent the views of the church." No, the Daily Universe is not the official voice of the church, yet it should promote the values of the church. We have read a number of editorial letters about the movie "Titanic." This one, I imagine, will not be the last. Others have brought the same issues to this forum in the past concerning other movies, and still other films and forms of media will stir us to make our opinions known after today, repeating essentially the same arguments. It is rare for us to hear our leaders talk about specific movies or songs or ideas to avoid. Instead, they give us principles to follow for our benefit. One of the ones that particularly impresses me is "Let virtue garnish thy thoughts unceasingly." (D&C 121) I want to thank the student who invited us to "steer clear" of objectionable material.

Bad comparison

Ernesto Nunez
Lake Jackson, Texas

Last week there was an article in the Readers' Forum about Casey Martin's desire to play in the PGA. In this article there was a hypothetical story about a football player with a bad knee. This story went on to say that he could still be a running back, just throw him in a cart and give him the ball.

I think there is something wrong with this hypothetical story. Golf and football are completely different sports. Football requires enormous amounts of physical activity. To play, you have to be in excellent physical condition. If they gave you a cart to do the running for you, how do you get tackled? Do they knock you out of the cart? You wouldn't even have to be in good physical condition to play. In fact, the more obese you were, the harder it would be to knock you out of the cart.

Golf doesn't have the same physical requirements as football. Of course you do have to be in good shape if you want to compete in the PGA, but the main point of golf is hitting the golf ball and getting the ball to the hole with as few strokes as possible. If you are given a cart, the only thing you could use it for is to get from where the ball was to where the ball landed. Being in a cart would not take away from the point of the game.

Casey Martin being in a cart is not the focus of the PGA. The focus is to see professional golfers compete against each other. Casey Martin is good enough to be there, so I think they should overlook his handicap and let him play.

Cross-eyed at Crossword

Colleen Steffes
Orem

The crossword puzzles in this newspaper are more frustrating than fun. Can't we get some easier ones?

Edited 'Amistad' no

Gillian Tembo
Zimbabwe

I was very pleased to hear that the movie "Amistad" will not be shown at the Varsity Theatre. I felt this film gave a very clear view of how abominably Africans sold were treated. Being kidnapped, homes, sold at markets like livestock, crammed into ships and transported lands under sickening conditions.

As an African myself, I would like to see many people as possible educated about the atrocities of the slave trade. I strongly feel that an edited version would have had little impact on it. I understand BYU's position, but I should, rightly, only be seen in its

Temptation no ex

Robert Abbott
Idaho Falls

I am writing in response to "People."

It was a real eye-opener about responsibility for crime really lies with the person who committed the crime. "The natural thing to do," the person who took the blame for the crime, and that is partly right.

But the truth is that half the blame is on you, the person openly tempted.

She continues, "Even the most will succumb to temptation and things when given the chance."

I finished the article and made a Bookstore for a bagel. There, I was offended at the shameless implication which products were flaunted temptation!

There were no armed guards in the candy bars. The computer doesn't require a security clearance. You have to make a security deposit to have pants.

It was obvious to me that step away to go. After all, retailers who blame for making things look good.

Whatever I did was half their fault. I considered my person, but after all, who can succumb to temptation who chance! My eyes were opened to a world of possibilities.

Exit problems

Noel Smith
Salem

Has anyone tried to follow the remodeled Eyring Science Center?

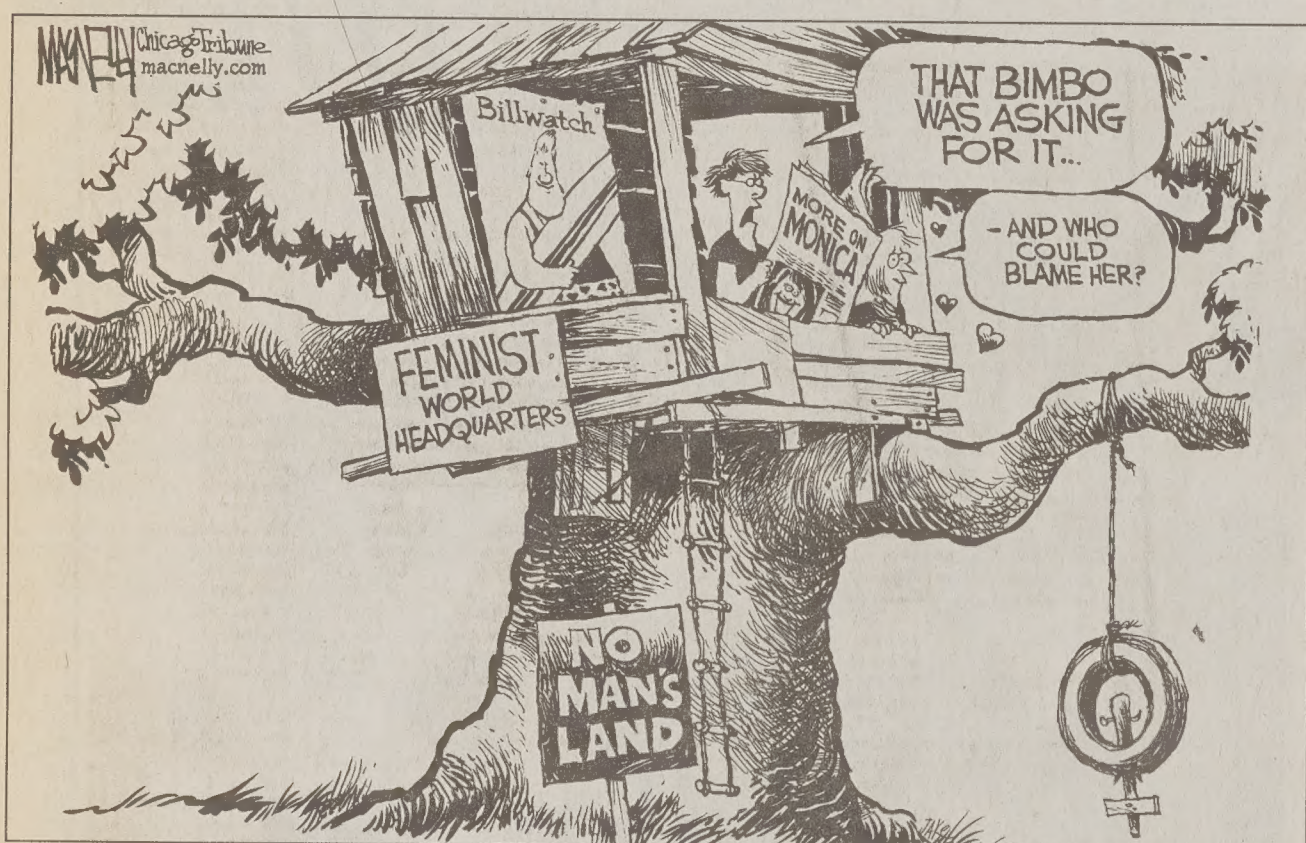
From the center of the north end level) you can see exit signs at the hall. I decided to go west and was a new exit. (The east one was lowered the arrows on the exit signs, go to the end, and you know where you started!

It reminds me of the song "Never Returned." ("He may be beneath the streets of Boston and missed his stop on the subway)."

Some exit signs in the ESCC are pointing both directions. Sure, you eventually get out no matter which turn, but it seems like the exit signs are useful in an emergency to help you find the nearest exit.

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Viewpoint

Deforestation legislation needed

The Brazilian government took a stand this week against deforestation in the Amazon Region, but it remains unclear whether the move is a bold step or too little, too late.

The depletion of the Amazon rain forests is not a new issue. For years environmentalists have campaigned to limit the amount of logging that takes place in the Amazon.

Through those years the Brazilian government remained silent. The government had satellite photos of the region that showed the effects of logging, but said it didn't have the funds necessary to do the analysis.

Then last week came the reluctant report. The government admitted the destruction reached record levels in 1995 before trailing off in 1996 and 1997. By the numbers, the report said the deforestation doubled from 5,958 square miles in 1994 to 11,621 square miles in 1995. In math terminology, that amounts to a 95 percent increase.

The number dropped in 1996 to 7,200 square miles destroyed, but that number is still 21 percent higher than 1994. Saying deforestation went down in 1996 is like the department store that raises its prices 100 percent and then cuts that by 50 percent and declares a "half-off" sale. Sure, you are saving 50 percent off the marked price, but you are paying 50 percent more than the item was originally. Who wins there?

To combat this, the Brazilian government released a plan this week which sets aside seven areas, totaling 6.67 million acres, as public land instead of private land. This gives the Brazilian government more control over

the logging in those lands and in their opinion will slow down the deforestation.

The Brazilian government should be applauded for this effort, though it comes a few years too late. Think of how much land could have been saved if it had stepped forward years ago and designated this land as public, thereby slowing down the flow of lumber. But, 20/20 hindsight is easily attained.

For now, Brazil must look to the future. There is no going back. The decision made this week is a good one, but it is only a step. The government must continue to designate lands like this if they hope to make an impact in the ever-eroding environment.

There is another side to the issue. In another report it was shown that 80 percent of the timber trade in the Amazon region was illegal. Uncontrolled logging combined with farming is what is destroying the Amazon. Foreign loggers were fined around \$1 million for illegal logging in 1997 alone, but with \$100 million invested in the region it's a small price to pay.

The future of the rainforest will depend on what the Brazilian government does in the next few years. If they continue with legislation aimed at cracking down on illegal logging, they will regain control over an industry that is threatening to destroy an ecosystem.

If not, then the future is dark indeed. Between 1995 and 1997, 23,259 square miles of the Amazon were deforested, an area twice the size of Belgium. Without regulation, deforestation is not a threat, it becomes inevitable.



by
Darren Wilcox
special to the
Universe

Conference to discuss poverty

By MARLIESE FILLMORE
Universe Staff Writer

The nation's leaders in poverty alleviation will visit BYU for the Rocky Mountain Microcredit Conference today and Friday.

The whole event is really amazing," said David Evans, a professor from Hawaii majoring in economics.

Microcredit is a program that gives small loans to impoverished individuals so they can achieve employment and self-sufficiency, allowing them to care for themselves and their families.

The loans are extended to people through groups such as the Grameen Foundation USA. The "Grameen" comes from the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh which founded the microlending process under the direction of Muhammad Yunis, the world-renowned humanitarian who spoke at BYU last semester.

Grameen Foundation USA is based in Washington, D.C. A Grameen support group was started last year by three BYU students doing internships in Washington last summer.

The group works to increase awareness of microcredit, investigate potential microcredit groups to start in Utah and translate for international microcredit affairs, Evans, the press relations specialist for Grameen.

The BYU Grameen support group is helping to sponsor the microcredit conference, which is primarily an opportunity to promote awareness about microcredit lending, he said.

The conference will put Utah on the development map, which is why I definitely think other universities will form Grameen support groups when they learn how important this issue is," Evans said.

Woller and Warner Woodworth, professors at the Marriott School of Management, designed and organized the



Photo courtesy of Warner Woodworth

A Mali girl cuddles a doll made by a Provo Young Women's group. The BYU Grameen support group is sponsoring the microcredit conference, and is promoting awareness for humanitarian aid.

conference as a small-scale version of the Microcredit Summit February 1997 in Washington, D.C.

"There are over 1,000 institutions assisting in microcredit lending, and already tens of thousands of impoverished borrowers have been helped through the program," Woller said.

People have perceptions of the poor that are usually wrong, Woller said. Many of them possess a sense for entrepreneurship, but lack the credit necessary to become successful, and microcredit reverses this trend, he said.

Utah Sen. Robert Bennett; Alex Counts, executive director of Grameen Foundation USA; and Sam

Daley-Harris, president of RESULTS, an international citizens' lobby dedicated to generating the political will to end hunger and poverty, will make presentations at the conference.

Panel discussions will talk about strategies for helping the poor, launching microenterprises and funding new business start-ups.

Participants will have the opportunity to network with microcredit leaders, exchange ideas and become involved in the campaign against poverty.

The free lectures and panels will be in the Harris Fine Arts Center and the Wilkinson Center.

Jacobson Construction vice president discuss library addition, problems

By JENNI LESTER
Universe Staff Writer

Vice president of Jacobson Construction will be addressing the pros and aspects involved in the addition of the new B. Lee Library today at 11 a.m. in the de Jong Concert Hall.

As Welling said his speech, "Building for Books: Construction of the Old B. Lee Library Addition," focus on "the process and the stages of building the library."

Welling said he thinks BYU will be pleased with the results of the library addition once it is done although, at

the moment, the construction is a major inconvenience.

He also said they have been able to minimize that inconvenience.

Welling said his speech will include lessons learned in building the addition.

Kyle Rollins, an associate professor in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, said problems arose early on in the excavation because Jacobson Construction tried to use a new, less expensive technique of reinforcing the soil to save.

The new technique, called soil nailing, worked well on the east side of the addition but failed on the north-west side.

Some of the soil near the Jesse Knight Humanities Building caved away so the company switched to a less economical, but safer, support system, Rollins said.

Welling said he will also talk about the building of the underground utility tunnel which will run from the Tanner Building up to the library.

Calli O'Connell, administrative assistant in the university librarian's office, said the new library addition will include a 200-seat auditorium, special collections, the social sciences section, administrative offices, a new periodicals room, family history, a library use instructional room and two computer labs.

Hewitt to give lecture on religious freedom

By MIKE SOUTHWORTH
Universe Staff Writer

With the Religious Freedom Restoration Act being struck down in June by the Supreme Court, the annual J. Reuben Clark Law Lecture is sponsoring a lecture on "Does Religious Freedom Have a Future? The First Amendment After Boerne" today at 11 a.m. in 303 JRCB.

Hugh Hewitt, Emmy-winning co-host of a PBS affiliate series in Los Angeles, partner in the law firm Hewitt & McGuire and law professor at Chapman Law School, will expound on the City of Boerne vs. Flores case and how it will affect freedom of religion.

"The losers in (the Boerne) ruling include students who wish to opt out of objectionable classroom assignments on religious grounds; public employees who are forced to participate in an in-service training class contrary to their religious convictions; religious hospitals whose accreditation depends on training medical students in abortion or performing abortion; churches that cannot modify their sanctuary buildings because of a city landmarking or zoning board; prison inmates who want access to chapel services but are prohibited from attending," said Steven McFarland, director of the Christian Legal Society's Center for Law and Religious Freedom, in a news release.

After the Supreme Court declared the Religious Freedom Restoration Act unconstitutional, McFarland said, "Our top priority now is to work with Orrin Hatch in the Senate and Rep. Charles Canady in the House to restore the highest legal protection for our first freedom. We brought together the Left and the Right to pass RFRA; under their leadership we can, and must, do it again."

Sen. Hatch has been working with the case. Hewitt will tell why the act failed and what the future of religion

and Boerne is, said John Welch, a BYU law professor.

Hewitt authored "Searching for God in America 1996," which featured religious leaders, including Neal A. Maxwell of the LDS Church's Quorum of the Twelve Apostles,

Welch said. Hewitt plans to interview some LDS Church general authorities during this Utah visit.

The symposium is free and open to the public. A question-and-answer session with Hewitt will likely follow the symposium.



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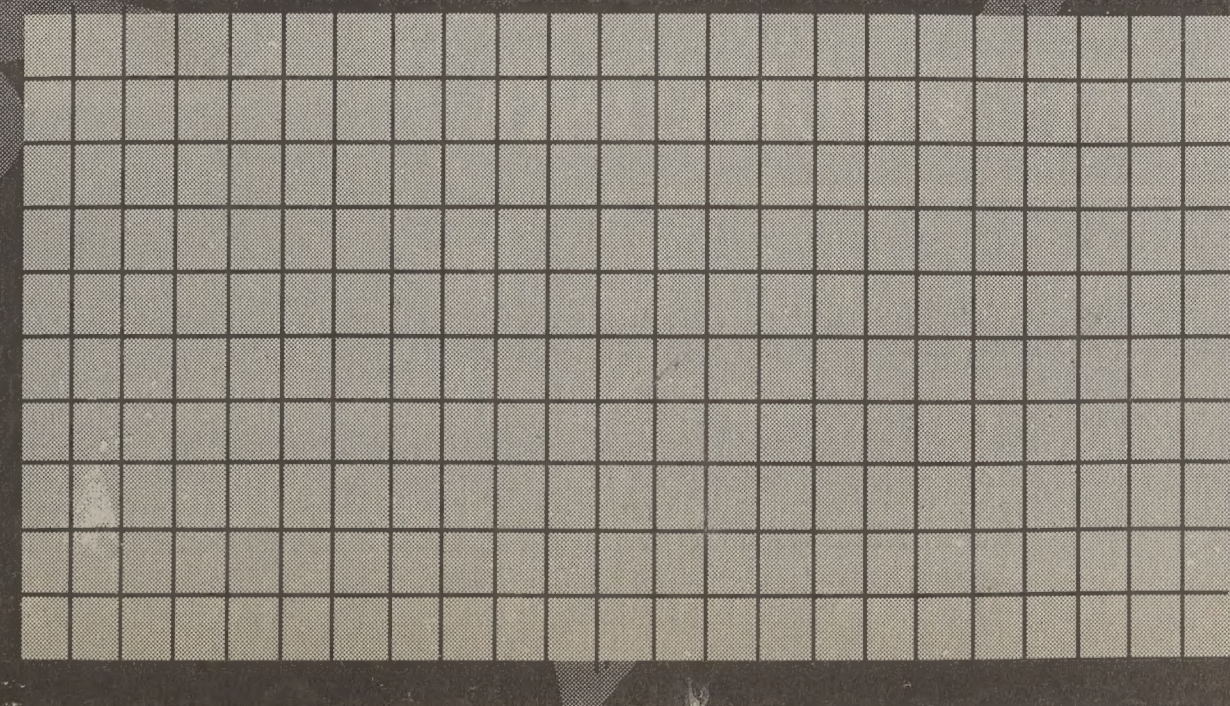
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Lecturer speaks on Somalia

By SHANDA MURRAY
Universe Staff Writer

Humanitarian aid to Somalia is appreciated by the Somali people, said a BYU professor at the David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies Wednesday.

Ahmed M. Warfa is a national senior advisor to the United Nations peacekeeping operations in Somalia and also an adjunct professor of botany at BYU. He spoke as part of the International Forum Series at the Kennedy Center.

Warfa told students that though humanitarian aid is appreciated, there are many obstacles to overcome in the peace process.

Specific steps must be taken to gain peace. These steps include reviewing the history of the conflict, assessing future trends, opening negotiations between people and government and recruiting appropriate personnel for the mission, Warfa said.

In spite of careful planning and following these specific steps, the mission may still fail because of "limiting factors" which were overlooked.

"People may not assess the situation properly," Warfa said.

One of the limiting factors is lack of negotiation among government leaders, regional organizations and U.N. headquarters.

Difficulties in communication between troops that come to help can also be a limiting factor. Some come from France, the United States, Bangladesh and other countries, and it is difficult for them to communicate, Warfa said.

When a cease-fire is instituted and signed, someone should monitor the cease-fire because it may not be genuine, Warfa said.

Even the resources that other countries generously donate can become a limiting factor if they are distributed into the wrong hands. Some drugs have been distributed to people who shouldn't have them, Warfa said.

An ambiguous peace mandate is a limiting factor as well. Some mandates will use elaborate words to describe promises and commitments.

"That is good English but completely fake," Warfa said. "Don't tell us you are setting up a genuine mandate and not mean it."

Foreign aid is necessary to attain peace, but the United Nations needs to plan better and foresee more difficulties.

"Humanitarian assistance is always the most important element from the international community to Somalia and we are really grateful in doing that," Warfa said. "However ... the humanitarian channels ... some have had impact."

Landon Larsen, a senior from Highland, majoring in international law and diplomacy, said, "I've done a research paper on UN intervention in Somalia ... [what he said is] in accord with what I studied, reaction as far as carrying out orders is slow ... people outside Somalia don't understand why it is. As outsiders we don't see the problem."

Eric Palmer, a junior from Lafayette, Ore., majoring in international politics, described his reaction to Warfa's presentation this way: "I think that it's apparent that the U.N. is a little heavy bureaucratically, and I think he demonstrated how much money is poured in. I support the U.N. but I think this case demonstrates there's some serious problems with how the UN responds to international conflict."

Disney interns value their training

By MALI HEGDAHL
Universe Staff Writer

Walt Disney World representatives will be at BYU Monday and Tuesday to look for summer interns.

All students are invited to attend a presentation by Walt Disney World Monday at 4 p.m. in the Wilkinson Center Varsity Theatre.

"You can't put a price tag on the experiences you come away with," said Kimberly Jenkins, 22, a senior from Renton, Wash., majoring in English, speaking about her Walt Disney World internship.

She said it was "non-stop fun" because Walt Disney World interns are constantly working with the public and are in the middle of all the action.

Nicole Christensen, 19, a sophomore from Mount Laurel, N.J., majoring in international law and diplomacy, thinks an internship with Disney is a good experience because it provides an opportunity to learn how to work with all types of people.

"I loved working there because every day was different," Christensen said.

Jenkins said the internships with Walt Disney World are entry-level positions. They include working with visiting student groups of all ages, running the rides, hospitality, attractions and more.

"As part of the College Program entry-level internship, you get to work one-on-one with the guests in the park," Jenkins said. "That's a real benefit."

Not only do students work over the

summer, but they go to classes as well, said Tara O'Collins, secretary of the Cooperative Education and Internships Office. All interns attend Disney University, where they go to business seminars and elective classes related to their individual majors.

Jenkins said she thought the seminars she attended were very good. Students learn how to operate a business and work with the public.

"It's not just showing people where to park. Interns are involved in all kinds of things," O'Collins said. Credits earned from Disney University classes transfer to BYU, she said.

After completing the College Program, advanced-level internships are available. O'Collins said it is advantageous to start out early in their internship program because Disney offers more advanced internships for students who have completed one already.

Students involved in the College Program live in a complex on Walt Disney World property. Students participating in the program live with people from all over the world.

"Because of all the cast members, you make friends from all over the country and all over the world," Christensen said. "It's fantastic."

"Disney likes BYU students," O'Collins said. Its dress code is similar to BYU's, including knee-length dresses, no sleeveless tops and men cannot wear earrings.

Students who attend Monday's meeting must be dressed in business attire and have a resume with them. For more information, call 378-3337.

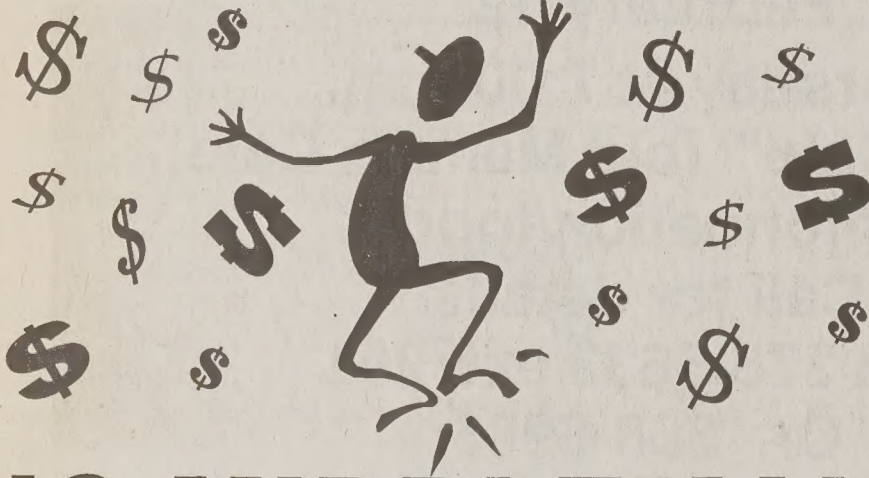
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FOREIGN LANGUAGE EXAMS for languages not taught on campus for credit will be given March 14. You must register by 4:30 p.m. Friday to take the test. Call 378-5360 for information or go to 3060 JKHB to register.

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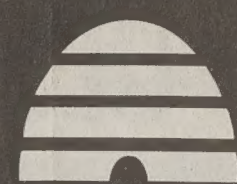
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THEATER — SHAKESPEARE: The Provo Theater Department's production of William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in the Provo Tabernacle. David Morgan is the director; the show will run through Saturday. Tickets are \$7 for students, \$9 general. Call 378-HFAC for tickets or more information.

THEATER — COMEDY: "The Miser's Holiday," a merry man love comedy, will be performed in the Margetts Theater today at 8 p.m. The show is directed by David Morgan and will run through Saturday. Tickets are \$7 for students, \$9 general. Call 378-HFAC for tickets or more information.

THEATER — MUSICAL COMEDY: "Forever Plaid" will be performed at Provo Theater Company, 1000 North, today at 8 p.m. It's a musical comedy that both parodies and pays homage to the music of the 1940s. Tickets are \$12.50 and \$10 with some student discounts. Call 378-0600 for more information.

THEATER — MUSICAL: "My Sister Sam" will be performed at Provo Theater Company, 1000 North, today at 8 p.m. The show, from the Provo Tabernacle, is a musical comedy that both parodies and pays homage to the music of the 1940s. Tickets are \$12.50 and \$10 with some student discounts. Call 378-0600 for more information.

THEATER — INTERNATIONAL CINEMA: International Cinema is in Provo. Showtimes are for today at 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. "Distant Voices, Close Shaves" (1989, 85 minutes) is by director as "The Long Day" and tell the story of a family in the 1940s dealing with an abusive father. Showtime is 5 p.m. Admission is free with IC card, \$1

Opera of love is back

By ELYSSA RENÉE MADSEN
Universe Staff Writer

Stuck in Provo for Valentine's Day? Looking for a way to combine culture and romance? Love opera?

If so, you can still purchase tickets for this year's Valentine's Day performance of "Opera for Lovers." Presented by the Utah Lyric Opera Society, "Opera for Lovers," opens 8 p.m. Valentine's Day at the Provo Tabernacle.

"Opera for Lovers" brings romance and a touch of Broadway to conventional opera. Featuring famous duets and love songs from Gilbert and Sullivan, Broadway, operetta and opera, the performance is an ideal way to celebrate Valentine's Day, said Shirley Brewster, Utah Lyric Opera Society secretary.

"Everything goes with Valentines Day: the songs, the performances, the scenery ... It is beautifully done, very professional," Brewster said.

Under the musical direction of Barbara Allen and stage direction of Matt Bean, "Opera for Lovers" features performances from renowned Utah artists. One of the west's prominent performers, Susan Deauvono, will appear in the opera. Deauvono has appeared in performances of "La Boheme," "Die Fledermaus" and "The Merry Widow."

Show highlights include "Songs from the Mikado" by Gilbert and Sullivan; "Madame Butterfly," a grand opera; "A Magic Flute," an opera; and songs from famous musicals including "Gigi" and "The

Most Happy Fella." In addition, one piece, "The Telephone," combines opera and comedy.

From Mozart to Bernstein, the opera has a beautiful blend of music, Brewster said.

The show culminates with a choir of 60 singers, directed by Ralph Woodward, singing "Make our Garden Grow."

Unlike many operas, "Opera for Lovers" is performed in English and will appeal to a variety of people, said Dixie Clifford, a spokesperson for the Utah Lyric Opera Society.

"It has broad appeal," Clifford said, noting that the opera features "grand performances by local talent."

Howard Ruff, the Utah Lyric Opera Society general manager, will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Ruff is a famous financial publisher and political commentator.

Even those not interested in traditional opera may enjoy this innovative performance, Brewster said.

"I was pleasantly surprised (with last year's performance) because I'm not an opera lover," she said.

Last year's performance of "Opera for Lovers" was so popular that seating sold out quickly. Clifford recommends that students purchase tickets as soon as possible.

To encourage couples to attend the performance, Utah Lyric Opera Society is offering two-for-one tickets for \$15. Tickets can be purchased at Best in Music or by calling 225-9236. Students can also obtain more information about the performance by calling 225-9236.



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Scientists look for answers in virus

Associated Press

ATLANTA — In a sealed government lab where air rushes in but not out, two scientists in face masks and protective gowns have Hong Kong's "bird flu" under the microscope.

Scientists who traded their holidays for a trip to Hong Kong to track the new H5N1 virus are back at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention this week to continue the painstaking task of sorting through blood samples and virus specimens. They are trying to answer the most important questions about the virus that infected 18 people, killing six.

Did the virus pass from person to person? And: Why did the virus jump from poultry to people?

"These sound like simple questions, but to find scientifically sound answers may be difficult," said Dr. Keiji Fukuda, who was the CDC's chief flu investigator in Hong Kong. "It's very unclear right now whether there are things which are peculiar about this particular virus or whether there are things about the people who got infected which makes them a little more susceptible to this particular virus."

In the flu lab, a half-dozen scientists work hours at a time, poring over virus specimens and more than 3,000

blood samples from the flu victims, their relatives and others who had contact with them.

In another lab, the CDC's flu team is making a blueprint of the virus.

This will help them come up with a virus that closely matches H5N1. That, in turn, could be used to make a vaccine.

The intensive lab work has taken longer than expected, but CDC scientists hope to release some findings later this month.

This is what they do know: Most of the Hong Kong flu victims were young — half of them under 10. Most did not live near chicken farms, and all were from different corners of the densely populated city.

Another important clue is that the viruses from each sick person look the same, which suggests that most victims caught the virus directly from chickens. If the virus had spread from person to person, it would have mutated.

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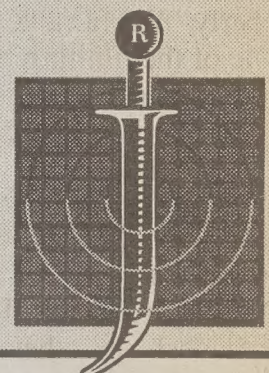
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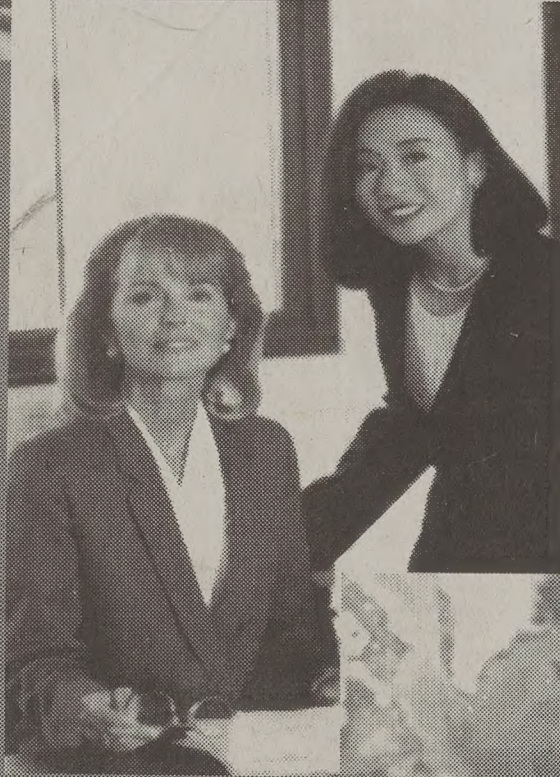
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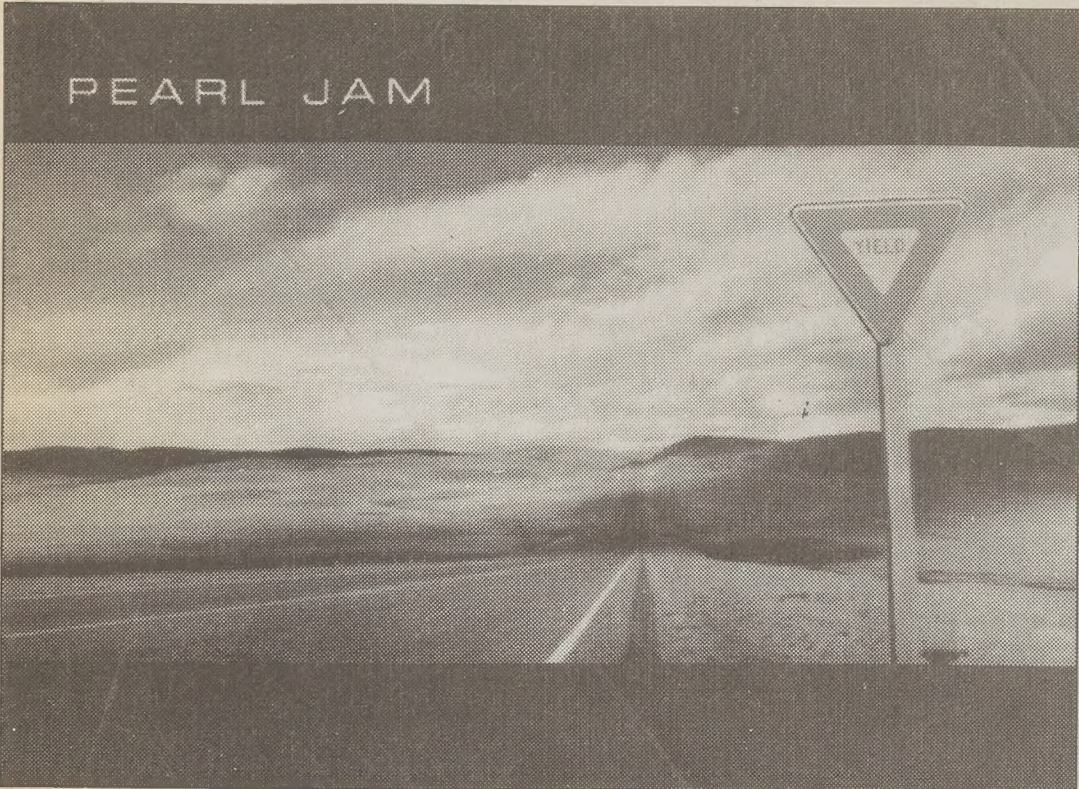


Photo courtesy of Epic Records

The cover of Pearl Jam's latest release, "Yield."

Pearl Jam album mediocre

By MEGAN ELISON
Universe Staff Writer

Fans looking forward to Pearl Jam's new album, "Yield," as a resurrection of the band's quality music may be a little disappointed.

In spite of the support shown by more than 150 people gathered at Tom Tom Music in Provo Monday night for the disc's release, "Yield" (Epic Records) is destined to be forgotten by the majority of popular music listeners.

In fact, it is reminiscent of REM's last disc, "New Adventures in Hi-Fi," which had a couple of hits but basically pushed REM back into obscurity. It looks good, but other than a couple of mediocre radio hits, the musical quality cannot back up the proposed public relations image.

Perhaps the greatest disappointment on the disc is the track "Push Me, Pull Me," which can only be described as musically ridiculous. A confusion of background sounds and Eddie Vedder's "singing" (talking) make the song almost completely unlistenable. This talking style very rarely works in mainstream music and contributes to the song's overall weirdness.

"Wishlist" is another unusual track, which tends to be more monotonous than creative. The song literally mirrors its title; it is a list of things Vedder wishes he could be. The problem is, this kind of song construction gets old quickly and is easier to mock than listen to.

The disc also contains a frenzied track called "Do the Evolution." With Vedder's annoying screeching and guitars going in illogical directions,

the track sounds more like an exercise in musical blasphemy than a song (although hard core fans might like it as an energy release).

The disc is bridged by a 30-second untitled bit represented on the song list by a red dot. This song is a series of conflicting sounds and tempos that considerably raises the confusion factor of the disc.

However, despite these problems, the disc features a couple of fairly good tracks (not great, but better than mediocre).

Pearl Jam made a good choice in releasing "Given to Fly" as the album's first single. This song is truly one of the disc's high points. It flows well and has the tightness of radio play, which will help it make an impression on less-committed fans.

"Low Light" is also more impressive than most of the other songs on the disc. A strong piano track lends some class to the otherwise guitar-heavy tracks and gives the disc respect. The song is easy to hear and musically impressive, with Vedder's above-average effort at singing creating a softer sound.

Also notable are songs "Brain of J.," "Faithful" and "In Hiding," which are reasonable, if not fantastic, in their presentation.

As a final note, the disc also contains a "secret song," buried after a minute of silence behind "All Those Yesterdays" — a song that smacks of The Beatles.

While die-hard fans will probably relish this opportunity to hear the band, most of mainstream America should see "Yield" as a mediocre attempt from an otherwise solid band.

Dentists make stars' teeth shine

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Smiling before the camera, a Tinseltown tradition, requires teeth of pearly white perfection.

Dentists Gregg Lituchy, 38, and Marc Lowenberg, 51, know how to make a celebrity smile.

The list of celebrity clients at their Central Park office includes Courteney Cox, one of NBC-TV's "Friends," and star of "Scream 2."

Cox has been booking routine checkups since 1984, the year she was discovered in a Brian De Palma video, "Dancing in the Dark," with Bruce Springsteen.

Ron Eldard, formerly of television's "Men Behaving Badly," once bumped into fellow actor Jason Patric ("Speed 2: Cruise Control") in the waiting room. Both were there for a cleaning.

Supermodels Cindy Crawford, Christy Turlington and Amber Valetta book appointments with Lituchy and Lowenberg. Paul Reiser of "Mad About You" and film actress Ellen Barkin are former patients.

Actress Julianna Margulies has been a patient for years. "She came to me right before she went out to Los Angeles to do the pilot for 'ER,'" Lowenberg said. "I didn't charge her for X-rays because she was an aspiring actress."

Usually, celebrities just need routine dental work. But sometimes, the pathway to beauty is filled with bonding, bleaching — and more.

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So whose perfect smile is the result of dental artistry?

"Everybody goes to the dentist and has no compunction saying they go to the dentist," Lowenberg said. "But people in the limelight want people to believe that whatever they have, they were born with."

Singer/daytime TV-host Kathie Lee Gifford ("Live With Regis and Kathie Lee") is the only celebrity he could recall who has admitted having a touchup. And she's not one of his patients.

What attracts celebs to this dynamic dental duo? How about this? If you make a visit to the dentist entertaining, the entertainers will come. "Patients who are overly anxious can have reflexology on their feet or hands, or a shoulder massage," Lowenberg said.

Besides the usual dental paraphernalia, the Lowenberg/Lituchy offices are equipped with overhead television sets and VCRs. "During dental work, most patients watch E! Entertainment Television or MTV," Lowenberg said. "For a long procedure, they'll watch a movie."

Lowenberg and Lituchy have been creating "smile make-overs" together for seven years. They're best friends, but true closeness, they said, comes with their patients.

"You can't have a more intimate relationship with someone than when you're working on their mouth," Lowenberg said. "In between drilling, you share what's going on in your life."

Goodbye to 'Seinfeld'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Thanks for nothing! A few weeks ago, we asked you to tell us how "Seinfeld" should say sayonara. We invited your suggestions for how, come May, the curtain should fall on Jerry, George, Elaine and Kramer after nine hilarious seasons of the sitcom so famously about nothing.

You told us. The "Seinfeld" gang, you said, should be blessed with sudden wealth, lasting love, belated self-awareness. Or suffer punishment, death, eternal afterlife in Bizarro World. From you, we got plenty of nothing. And nothing's plenty for us. ("Seinfeld" airs locally on KSL Channel 5 Thursdays at 8 p.m.)

Of the scores of responses, many followed similar tracks. Several of you said the "Seinfeld" buds should win at Lotto or score in some other get-rich-quick scheme. This would trigger a series-ending breakup of the dysfunctional foursome, enabling them to get on with their lives, or rather, get a life.

Maybe true love will ignite between Elaine and Jerry or George or Kramer or even — get OUT! — the portly, despicable postman, Newman.

Jerry might emerge from a shower in the sprawling manse he and Elaine share outside of Dallas, revealing that the "Seinfeld" we've watched all these years was Elaine's fevered dream.

"Maybe they should all have a group hug and then sing, 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' as they walk out the door," offers Linda Anderson of Midland, Texas. "Jerry, as the last one out, would take one long, last look around the apartment and then turn off the lights."

Or, borrowing from Gilligan, Mike Beatrice of Venice, Calif., introduces the most uplifting finish for these pathetically entrenched Manhattanites: "They all get off the island."

Jack McPherson of Coupeville, Wash., was inspired by a classic film.

"The last episode should be a fantasy which begins with Elaine being struck by a New York taxi. She awakens to find herself in the Land of Oz, where she meets a Tin Man named Jerry, a Scarecrow who calls himself Kramer, and a Cowardly Lion known as George. Then, upon reaching the Wizard's castle and pulling back the curtain, there stands Newman smiling his evil grin."

Superman comics fan Jerry gets sucked into Bizarro World, writes David Tackett of Edmond, Okla., "where Jerry is the annoying postman, and Newman is the comedian."

Similarly, Brad Haskin of Oak Harbor, Wash., proposes that a final episode would reveal "that Jerry's true identity is Superman, and that Newman is actually Lex Luthor in disguise. Jerry wraps Newman up with his own mail bags and flings him into outer space."

Looking ahead, Wendy LaTulippe of Burlington, Vt., imagines the gang in

a nursing home. "Jerry is bald, not very funny, and obsessed with the facility's 'inefficient and not-so-antiseptic' practices. Elaine spends most of her time angrily plowing down other residents with her walker. They often sit together on the porch, talking about ... well ... nothing."

Befitting a series where even mortality is a source of bleak humor, other submissions call for their joint demise.

Or maybe Babu could do the dirty deed. The Pakistani restaurant owner whom Jerry inadvertently got deported five years ago vowed then to exact revenge. "He will return and assassinate Jerry," suggests Jim Riley of Washington, D.C. "Hey, if they could kill off George's fiancée Susan ..."

Speaking of which, Scott Lum of Seattle offers this scenario:

"The entire cast decides to open a new store with the Soup Nazi. The final shot shows them sitting around licking envelopes inviting their friends to the grand opening — envelopes that George got a great deal on." Envelopes, of course, with the same sort of toxic glue that did in poor Susan two years ago.

"The final show should be about nothing," writes Peter Y. Choi of Los Angeles, "and for that we go to the master of 'being and nothingness,' Jean-Paul Sartre. Jerry, Elaine, George and Kramer find themselves — a la Sartre's 'No Exit' — in a room with no exit. They chat and wonder what is going on until they realize that nothing is going on. In fact, everything is over. Finis."

Well, not quite, according to Burton Borkan of Miami Beach, Fla. In his version, CBS loses its hit show "Touched By an Angel" in a bidding war, then stumbles upon the pilot tape for "Jerry," the sitcom Seinfeld tried unsuccessfully to sell to NBC.

Trouble is, the CBS execs decide Jerry isn't the right person to play himself. "They offer the part to David Steinberg," Borkan suggests.

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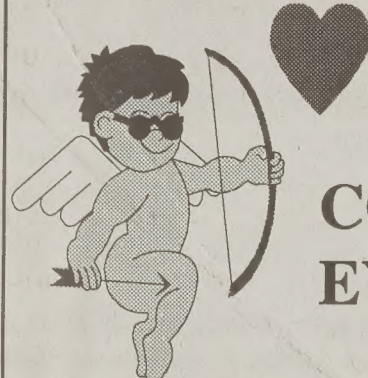
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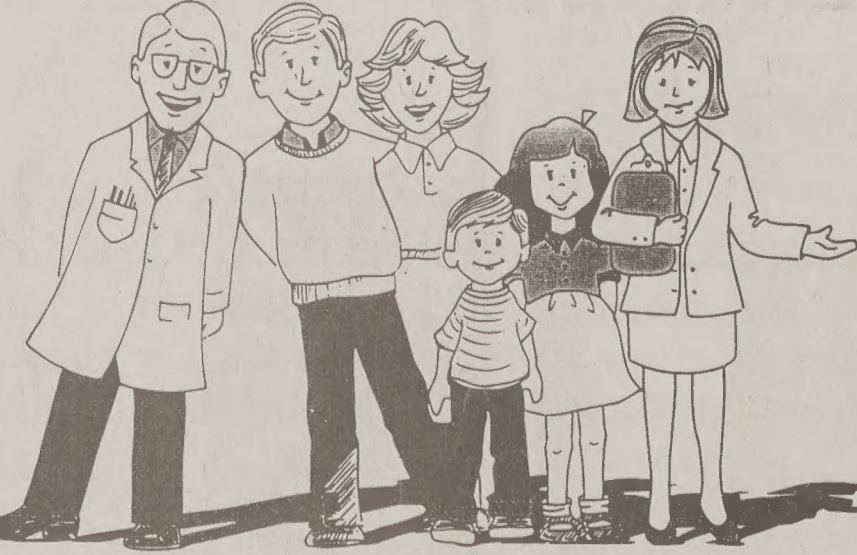
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Cougars upset Utah 70-64

by KAREN DUFFIN
Universe Sports Writer

Women's basketball team had to celebrate Wednesday night by defeating long-time rival Utah.

Angela Burgess' muscle and plays by Shelby Whiting, the left the Marriott Center their first win against the Utes March 4, 1994.

Only can the Cougars put this as a victory against their rival, it is also their first win in several years against a ranked

ly, games between Utah and BYU have been close, but BYU steam and left defeated. The Cougars' energy was able. They came out strong and strong, remaining ahead the second half.

utes played poorly through the 25 minutes of the game. In a heavy full-court press they nearly came back.

one-point basket with under 10 seconds left in the game cut the lead to three. BYU held on for several key free throws from a fullup down the stretch. Finished with 16 points, high the Cougars.

ing had a key drive with under two minutes left to keep the lead.

ing's drive came at a time the Cougars were struggling. Coach Shippin called the play for and she executed it flaw-

it's worried going in to the game, Whiting said. "I knew the Utes had confidence in me, so I had confidence in myself."

All-American Julie Shippin fouled out in the last minute of play. With that and a three-point shot by the Utes, the game was over.

Shippin attributed the Cougars' strong passing, good inside defense.

ated its players in and out of the game. During the game, players said this worked. Each player has different strengths that come together to make a team work.

we get substituted, we're sorry because there are no substitutions on this team," sophomore Lori Henry said. "We just win."

ows were another important factor in the game. During the game, the Utes were fouled. Fortunately for the Cougars, their free throws were on

BYU's games have been a season. But the Cougars have managed to get behind and to be able to catch up at the end of the game, they took the lead and were able to keep it.



Gregg Benson/Daily Universe

BYU's Lori Henry (32) passes the ball between two Utah defenders during the first half of the Cougars' 70-64 win over the 17th-ranked Utes at the Marriott Center Wednesday night.

Utah went into the game having lost their last two games. Utah coach Elaine Elliot said her team has not been playing with its usual heart.

"I will take the team who played the last fifteen minutes of this game, win or lose," Elliot said. "But I won't take the team who started this game."

Despite their underdog status

before the game, BYU's players went in calm due to Shippin's composure.

"As soon as the game started, we were calm and confident," Burgess said. "We knew we were the underdogs. We had nothing to lose."

BYU plays in Oklahoma Saturday night against the University of Tulsa.

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Swimmers look to soak at last home meet

by COREY DAVIS
Universe Sports Writer

men's swimming and diving team finish off its regular season by playing host to the Cougars today at 6 p.m. at the Marriott Center pool.

The Cougars will host Utah on Wednesday.

Utah and Utah are two of the teams that BYU has to com-

pet said. "It's a chance for our fans to see some world-class athletes on both teams."

— Tim Powers, men's swimming coach

is a swimmer that the Cougars are going to watch out for. He finished fourth in the 100-yard freestyle at the Olympic games in Atlanta. He will be swimming in the meet.

ing," said Parise, coach. "Now he feels to compete at the Olympic level. He's a very easy to go so fast."

looked at a pool record at BYU when he swam against the Cougars in the 50-yard freestyle.

ive that swimming against the Cougars to how others feel about the team.

ed against BYU's Olympic coach Savikas.

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meet should be a great one. They have an

chik, an All-American swimmer from Fork, is expected to

swim well in the meets, especially in the 100 and 200-yard breaststrokes.

In preparing for the last two meets, the Cougars have been focusing on their techniques and the quality of their swims. The team uses video to record the swimmers, then the video is analyzed to find ways to improve the their techniques.

The Cougars have a 9-1 record this season. After Saturday, the Cougars hope to be 11-1.

Freshmen have also contributed to the success of the team. Brent Parker and Nathan Tobler are freshmen that joined the team as walk-ons.

"They are a key part of the team," Parise said.

The meet is Saturday against

Utah is the Cougars last swim meet of the regular season. The team feels confident going into the meet.

"It's always really exciting with Utah," Parise said. "No matter how bad of a season they're having, they always make it a close meet between us."

"Saturday's meet with Utah is a good rivalry, and we expect a big crowd. We respond well to full houses."



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Wrestlers at home to face Oregon St.

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The BYU wrestling team squares off against 21st-ranked Oregon State at the Smith Fieldhouse tonight at 7 p.m.

The match will be the Cougars' third straight against a ranked opponent, following last week's matches against No. 19 Oregon and No. 5 Arizona State.

The Cougars go up against No. 7 Iowa State and Missouri Saturday.

"At least no one can accuse me of padding the schedule," said coach Mark Schultz.

Schultz said the next few matches

will give his team some valuable experience.

"There are going to be some great matches (with OSU)," he said. "Three of their best guys are going against three of our best guys."

Sophomore Collin Robertson will face OSU's Oscar Wood, ranked 14th, in a 142-pound match. Robertson is coming off an impressive comeback win against ASU.

Senior John Kelly should be given a clean bill of health after taking a nasty jolt to the head during Saturday's match.

Kelly is pitted against the Beavers'

10th-ranked Jason Buce in the 118-pound class.

BYU Freshman Chris Miller is matched against OSU's 11th-ranked Mat Orndorff in the heavyweight class.

Following tonight's match, the team will leave for Ames, Iowa for the dual meet against Iowa State and Missouri.

The Feb. 14 home meet against Boise State has been moved to Copper Hills High School in West Jordan.

The match's 2 p.m. start time will remain the same.

Utah Jazz rally to beat Bulls

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone scored 30 points and John Stockton had 17 points and 18 assists as the Utah Jazz rallied to beat the Chicago Bulls 101-93 Wednesday night.

Utah overcame a 24-point first-half deficit to become the first Western Conference team to sweep a season series with the Bulls in three years.

Michael Jordan scored 40 points for the Bulls, but Scottie Pippen missed the final 18 minutes of the game after he reaggravated a pulled right hamstring. Dennis Rodman, averaging a league-leading 15.7 rebounds per game, was held to four.

In Chicago's first trip to the Delta Center since the 1997 NBA Finals, the Jazz made just six field goals in the first quarter and were down 41-17 early in the second quarter. But the Jazz held the Bulls to 37 percent shooting in the middle quarters and hung on in the closing minutes for the victory.

Down 56-45 at halftime, Utah opened the second half with a 17-5 run and took a 62-61 lead on Adam Keefe's free throws with 5:48 left in the third quarter. After Chicago moved ahead again, Utah hit three consecutive 3-pointers to take a 71-69 lead into the fourth.

Chicago led by 24 points early in the second quarter before Utah started its comeback.

Down 47-24 with 5:17 left in the half, Utah made a 17-2 run capped by a Chris Morris slam with 2:33 left. Hornacek and Jud Buechler exchanged 3-pointers in the final six seconds of the half.

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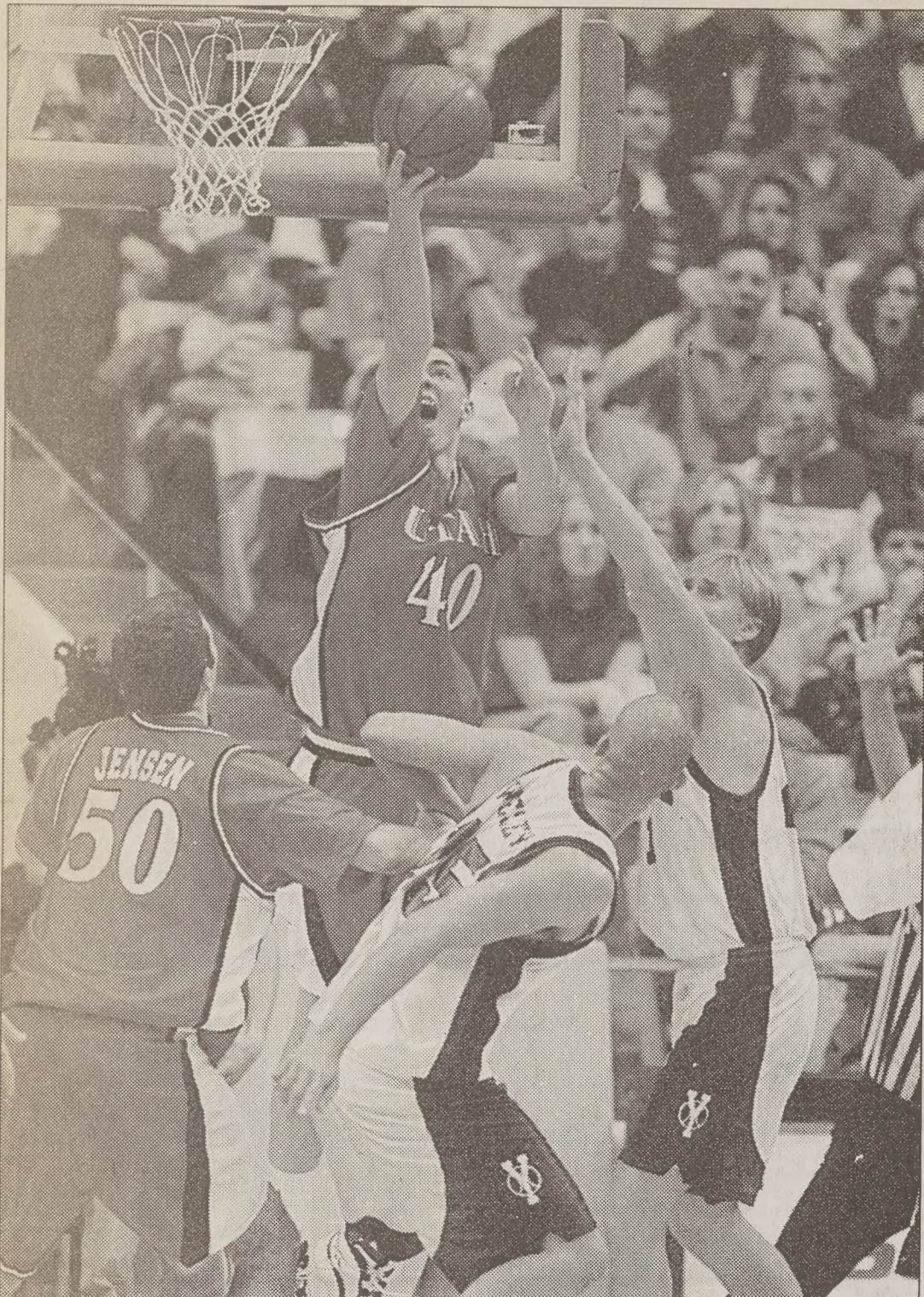
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Utah's Jon Carlisle goes up for a shot while BYU's Jarkko Ahlbom, right, and Mekeli Wesley defend during the Cougars' 71-61 loss Jan. 10 at the Marriott Center. Utah is ranked No. 5 in the nation.

Men's basketball wary of Utes on the rebound

By ADAM WHITTEN
Universe Sports Writer

The BYU men's basketball team could be catching No. 5 Utah at the wrong time.

Utah lost its first game of the season Sunday at New Mexico. Utah controlled the game until the last three minutes of the game. The Utes could look to use the Cougars to start a new winning streak.

The Cougars travel to Utah tonight to battle the Utes to start the second half of their WAC season. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:35 p.m. MST at the Huntsman Center.

BYU, 6-15 overall and 1-6 in the WAC, has lost five straight games. Most recently, the Cougars faded down the stretch against UTEP.

BYU head coach Steve Cleveland said the team has had a great week of practice and team morale remains high. He said every game is a stepping stone toward what he is hoping to build here at BYU.

"We could look at it like we're chalking it up to next year," Cleveland said. "Or we can play to win some games. I think (the latter) is going to be the approach."

Utah (18-1, 6-1) has already won this year's Oquirrh Bucket, which symbolizes instate supremacy. In its 23 year history, BYU has won the bucket seven times. This year, Utah won it for the seventh time.

Utah won the first meeting between the teams this year 71-61. BYU trailed the entire game, but was within seven points in the last minute of the game, which was played before a

near-capacity crowd of 22,242 at the Marriott Center.

"Utah is a great team," Cleveland said candidly. "We're going to be huge underdogs. Let's be honest, we have nothing to lose."

Michael Doleac led the Utes with 18 points the last time the two teams met. Utah outshot (40.8 to 37.3) and outrebounded (41-27) the Cougars for the game. Utah leads the nation in rebounding margin (14.2), are third in field goal percentage defense (37.6) and are fourth in scoring defense (55.6).

BYU's Ron Selleaze scored a game-high 26 points in the loss. Utah head coach Rick Majerus said the Utes had no answer for Selleaze.

Selleaze has struggled lately, however. In WAC games, Selleaze is averaging a team high 13.7 points per game on 33 percent shooting. Though struggling with his shooting, Selleaze has dominated the glass, averaging 8.3 rebounds per game.

WAC teams have begun to double-team Selleaze when he gets the ball, Cleveland said. This has taken away some of his confidence, but he has continued to help the team in other ways, Cleveland said.

"He needs to relax and enjoy things," Cleveland said. "We he misses shots it doesn't hurt our team. It's when he is not confident."

Cleveland said he was impressed with the play of Mekeli Wesley after the UTEP game. Cleveland said the team needs to get a continued inside presence.

"We're going inside to somebody," Cleveland said. "We need to have someone inside besides (Selleaze)."

Blue Jays sign Canseco to a one-year deal

Associated Press

TORONTO — Jose Canseco, who has a history of hitting long homers in the SkyDome, agreed Wednesday to a one-year contract with the Toronto Blue Jays.

Canseco, 33, will get a base salary of about \$750,000 and the chance to earn \$2.25 million in performance bonuses. The injury-prone outfielder and designated hitter made \$4,725,000 last season with Oakland, hitting 23 homers in 108 games. Canseco batted .235 with 74 RBIs.

Toronto was last in the AL in 1997 with 654 runs and a .244 team average, and lost Joe Carter, who became a free agent and signed with Baltimore. Carter led the Blue Jays last season with 102 RBIs.

In addition, first baseman Carlos Delgado probably will miss the first two months of the season following arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder Jan. 19.

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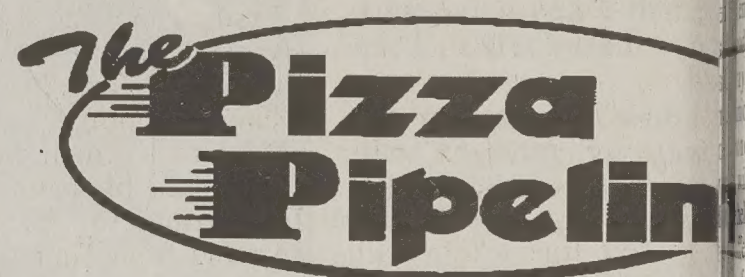


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Arab support for U.S. grows

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright started out for Europe, the Persian Gulf and the Middle East six days ago with only Britain standing four-square with the United States in threatening to attack Iraq as a last resort for opening suspect weapons sites.

She came home Wednesday saying support in the Arab world had grown. And her aides said France had drawn closer to the U.S. views.

"While they prefer a diplomatic route, as we do, none of the Arabs have said, 'Go home and tell the president that he should not use force,'" Albright said en route to Washington.

But Arab comments were more negative.

Arab League Secretary-General Esmat Abdel Meguid said in Jordan, "It's difficult for me to believe that any Arab country would accept a military strike on Iraq. We are endeavoring Wednesday to find a peaceful way

out of the crisis."

Jordan's Foreign Minister Fayez Tarawneh said Jordan supports Abdel Meguid's "endeavors in trying to avoid, God forbid, any catastrophic result out of the crisis at hand."

Albright talked to the leaders of Jordan, the Palestinian Authority, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Egypt. That followed consultations with French, Russian and British officials, and telephone diplomacy on the road with Italian and Turkish leaders.

Still, there are U.S. military bases in Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain, all of which could contribute to a successful assault on Iraq. But no country, during Albright's travels, publicly offered use of their bases.

According to a senior U.S. official, only Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov ruled out the use of force when he met with Albright Friday in Madrid, Spain.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin warned President Bill Clinton Wednesday that he may provoke a

world war if the Americans use force against Iraq. Speaking at a meeting, Yeltsin offered Russia's most critical statement so far concerning the possibility of a U.S. strike against Iraq.

"By his actions, Clinton might run into a world war. He is acting too loudly," the Interfax news agency quoted Yeltsin as saying in the Kremlin.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said Yeltsin's comment was less significant than it sounded because a Yeltsin spokesman said some of the translations were inaccurate.

"We have a good and constructive relationship with the Russians," Rubin said.

Throughout the trip, Albright avoided saying when the United States might attack or how the attack would be carried out.

She assured Israel, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, all targets of Iraq in the Gulf War, that they would have U.S. protection.

Italy demands pilot prosecution

Associated Press

CAVALESE, Italy — Italy's defense minister demanded criminal prosecution Wednesday for an American military pilot whose plane sliced through a ski gondola's cable, sending the car's 20 riders plunging to their deaths.

The United States suspended all low-level flights by military aircraft in Italy after Tuesday's accident, which had some Italian media and politicians calling the U.S. pilots "Rambos" and demanding closing of all American bases there.

American military officials and Italian prosecutors are investigating why the U.S. Marine Corps EA-6B surveillance jet, temporarily stationed

at the U.S. air base in Aviano, hit the gondola's cable, sending the mostly foreign skiers in the gondola 280 feet down onto rocks and snow.

"This is not about a low-level flight, but a terrible act, a nearly earth-shaving flight, beyond any limit allowed by the rules and laws," Premier Romano Prodi told reporters.

"We are not asking for revenge, but that the law on criminal responsibility be applied to the commander of the airplane," Defense Minister Beniamino Andreatta was quoted as saying by the ANSA news agency.

Whether the defense minister wanted the United States or Italy to handle prosecution and whether Italian prosecutors had jurisdiction over the U.S. pilot was unclear.

Air Force Capt. Tracy O'Grady-Walsh, an Aviano spokeswoman, said the pilot had filed a flight plan and was on an approved mission.

President Bill Clinton issued a statement Tuesday saying he was "deeply saddened" by the accident and that the United States will cooperate fully with the Italian government to find out what happened.

In Washington, U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen told the Senate Armed Services Committee that the pilot "was apparently unaware that he had struck a cable or injured anyone."

No information about the pilot was being released, except that he was remaining on the base, O'Grady-Walsh said.

Oprah Winfrey testifies she tried to balance show

Associated Press

AMARILLO, Texas — Testifying in the beef-defamation case brought against her by Texas cattlemen, Oprah Winfrey said Wednesday that a talk show is "not the evening news" but a forum for debate and "not every show ends in a tie."

Even so, Winfrey told the jury that she tried to balance her show on mad cow disease by getting comment from people on both sides of the issue.

"If I wanted to do an anti-beef show, as I'm being accused of, I didn't have to put" pro-beef guests on, Winfrey said.

The talk show host, her production company and vegetarian activist Howard Lyman are being sued for more than \$10.3 million over an April 1996 show that suggested U.S. cattle could spread mad cow disease to people in the United States and make AIDS look like the common cold.

Winfrey testified that she tried to provide balance by putting on Agriculture Department scientist William Hueston and Gary Weber of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to represent the view that U.S. beef is safe.

"I was there to offer both sides' opinions," she said. "That's why I had Dr. Weber there. If I didn't want to have him there, there is no law that said he had to be there."

Winfrey said repeatedly that viewers

understand guests on her show are expressing their opinions.

"This is not a news magazine. It's not the evening news," she said. She added: "I'm not going to sit here and say because we put both sides on the show that every show ends in a tie."

Mad cow disease has ravaged cattle herds in Britain for a decade. It is blamed for about 20 human deaths overseas but has never been detected in the United States.

The cattlemen contend the program was edited to take out pro-beef comments in favor of ratings-grabbing and alarming statements by Lyman. They say the show caused already slumping cattle prices to fall to 10-year lows.

They are suing under a Texas law that protects agricultural products from false and defamatory remarks. The trial is in its third week.

Winfrey, in her second day on the stand, was scolded more than once by U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson to keep her answers restricted to the questions being asked by cattlemen's attorney Joe Coyne.

Winfrey added that she believes any comments by Hueston or Weber that were edited out were redundant.

She also disputed testimony that she told the producer in charge of editing the show to "cut that boring beef guy out," in reference to Weber. Winfrey said she never spoke to the producer about what comments should be left in or taken out.

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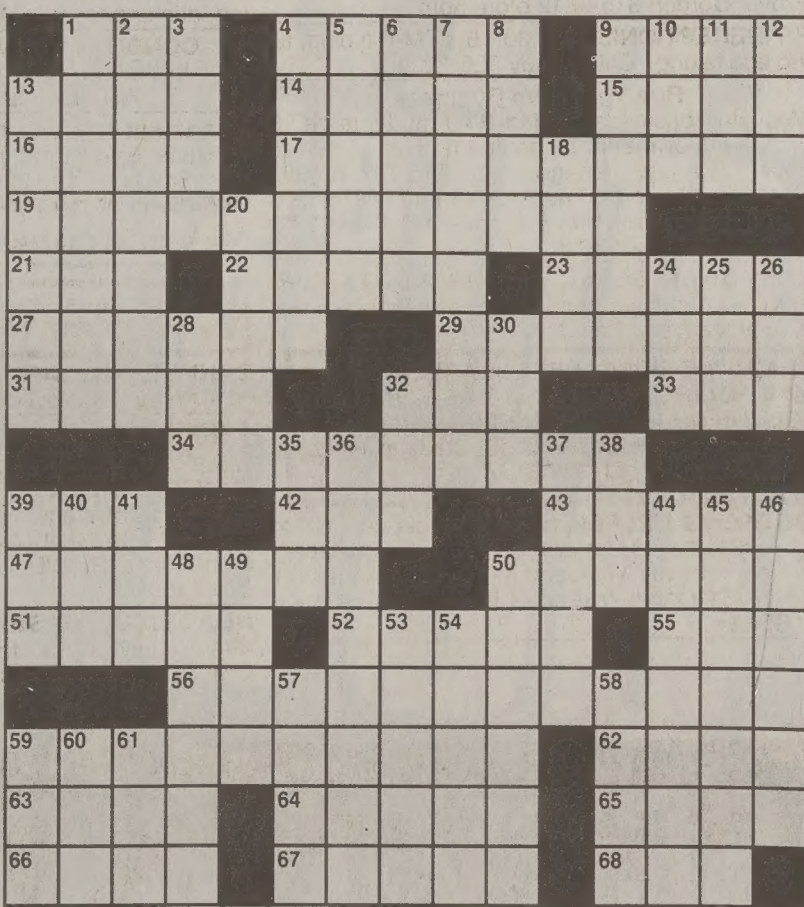
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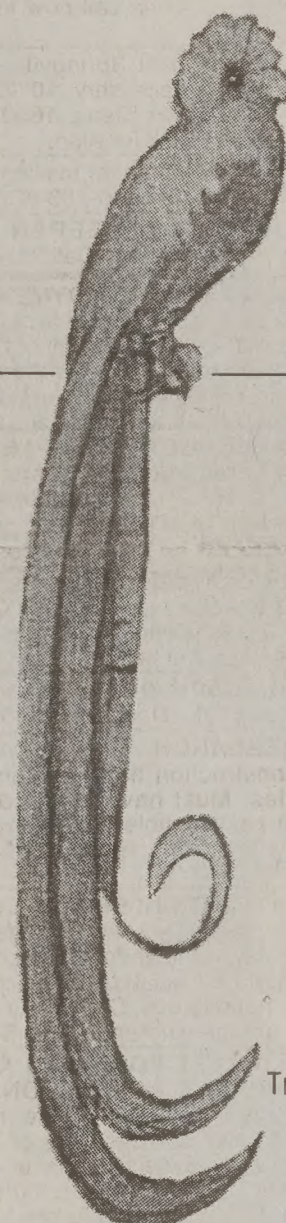
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Center assists learning disabilities; five students happy with the help

Editor's note: This is the third article in a three-part series on learning disabilities.

By AARON BOYD
Universe Staff Writer

Though most students helped through Services for Students with Disabilities have known for years of their disability, others have endured years of frustration before actively seeking help.

Elizabeth Ovard, a counselor at Pine View High School in St. George, said the students who have known of their disabilities since early in life are the lucky ones since they most likely had concerned and attentive parents.

She said these students also had teachers that recognized the symptoms for a learning disability and received special attention to help them learn to compensate.

Services for these students are improving rapidly but Ovard said they are not yet developed enough.

"High schools have study halls, varied curriculum, job shadowing and rehabilitation programs, and there are several aptitude tests that are offered," Ovard said. "But these don't focus enough on helping the student to actually compensate (for) the disability."

"We have our hands full just getting them ready for life. Some (students) have emotional instabilities that need to be dealt with first. Most of those with learning disabilities won't even go to college because they lack the basic skills."

Stuart Gustafson, a graduate student in social work, was diagnosed with dyslexia at an early age. He has worked to overcome his dyslexia and has dedicated much of his life to helping others with learning disabilities.

"The percentage of people with learning disabilities who go to college is less than one percent," Gustafson said. "In school, the system is based on one way of learning, and students learn in different ways."

Gustafson said it is difficult for most university professors to understand the needs of students with learning disabilities because the professors were most likely highly successful in advanced programs.

"You have some of the greatest minds who are learning disabled, but in today's academic system, they can't perform," Gustafson said.

John Call, coordinator and counselor at SSD, said the programs the center offers can help individuals reach their potential because it has been established with one purpose — "To make sure that each student has an equal opportunity to access resources and activities of the university."

To reach this goal, the center provides academic accommodations that are based on the specific strengths or weaknesses of each student.

Such accommodations may include extended time and distraction-free rooms for exams, alternative modes of evaluation including oral and computer-assisted examination, course substitution, copies of class overheads and outlines and in-class note-takers, Call said.

"They have computers that have voice recognition programs which

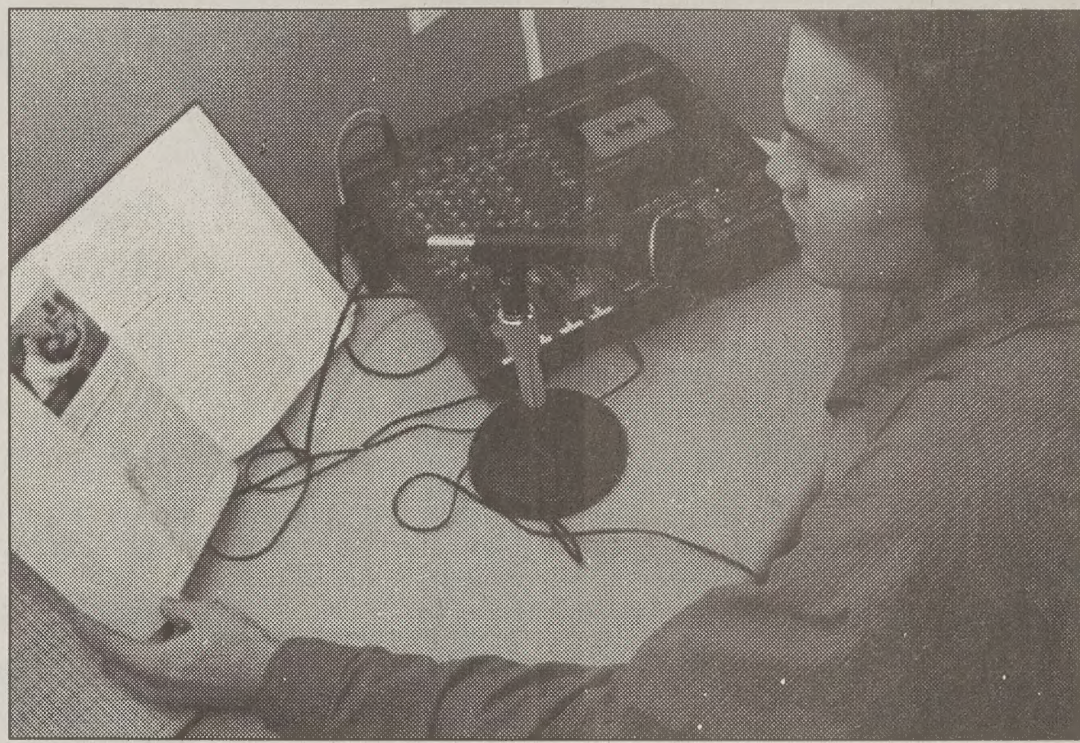


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Michael Higbee, a senior from Fredrick, Md., majoring in social work, records a psychology textbook on tape as part of the volunteer recording program division of SSD. Anyone can volunteer to record textbooks.

allow you to dictate your papers instead of writing them," Gustafson said. "Sometimes a student can't write their notes fast enough to keep up with the lecture, so a note-taker will go to class with them."

SSD offers audiocassette lectures and books on tape. Some of these services must be produced in-house because they are not readily available. Call said he would be willing to spend the time to read an entire textbook on tape if it will help a student with a learning disability.

"We're here to serve students and help them be successful," Call said.

Ovard said the kinds of students with learning disabilities who usually succeed are either highly-motivated or highly-talented in one area.

"The thing that makes learning-disabled (people) successful is their determination, their own personal motivation," Ovard said. "If we could encourage them more, they would have a greater desire to succeed."

Ovard's son, Jared Hains, a student at Dixie College who has a learning disability, said programs helped him through a difficult stage by helping him compensate and discover which areas needed help and giving him the desire to work harder to overcome the effects of the disability.

Mary Dunn, a graduate student in the mathematics program, has known about her learning disability since first grade. Since then, she and her parents have worked hard to compensate for the disability.

Ovard, who was Dunn's high school counselor, said Dunn is a person who would qualify as being both highly-motivated and highly-talented in a specific area.

Dunn was able to hide her disability from others for a long time. She said it was because of pride and embarrassment.

She eventually came to the point when she realized she would have to take standardized graduate tests. She would need some kind of accommodation to be able to compete fairly against other applicants.

Dunn went into SSD's testing center for the first time in October 1997.

"I felt very impressed with (SSD)," Dunn said. "When you walk in, it's a very comfortable atmosphere. The

person who helped me really put me at ease. They're willing to do anything for you. It's their job, but they really help you feel that way."

"I feel that any student who comes to college and feels that they may have a learning disability should go in as soon as possible."

Gustafson, who has been involved in learning disabled programs throughout his life, went to the center within his first week at BYU.

"If it were not for these services and some key people who stepped in, I would not have graduated from college," he said.

Spanish Fork City bond fails; recreational complex on hold

By MARCUS BURTON
Universe Staff Writer

Spanish Fork residents voted down an \$8-million-bond proposal for a family recreational complex Tuesday.

The vote was 1,341 to 763 against the complex. Only 24 percent of Spanish Fork residents turned out for the voting.

The proposed family recreational complex would include several playing fields, picnic areas, basketball courts, an amphitheater, playgrounds and a large pavilion.

Based on a \$150,000 home, the bond issuance would have increased taxes by \$137 a year. This increase would compound the \$6 million the city already has tied up in bonds.

"Eventually the park will be built," said Karen Bradford, assistant director of recreational facilities. "We have to do something; our fields are at maximum use, and there is no time for maintenance."

The playing fields cannot continue to be used full-time. "The next step is to go back to city council and ask 'What do we do from here?'" Bradford said.

The main issue now is how the city will raise enough money to make the necessary improvements the parks need, she said.

Plans for the recreational complex have already been approved by the city.

Courtney Peterson of the Ball Park Complex said, "The only thing holding them up is where the money will come from."

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